

# **EXHIBIT 2**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

Christine Thomsen, Donna Miller,  
Shelbi Farrington, Dianna Kometh,  
Sally Labree, Harry Peterson, Patrick  
Burnham, David Teverbaugh,  
Richard Journagin, Gale Marie  
Jackson, Edward Cable, Carole  
Dangelo, Sophia Marks, Albert  
Shearer, and Rebecca Younk, on  
behalf of themselves and all others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Morley Companies, Inc.

Defendant.

Case No. 1:22-cv-10271-TLL-PTM  
Hon. Thomas L. Ludington  
Hon. Patricia T. Morris

**DECLARATION OF BRYAN L. BLEICHNER IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND NOTICE PLAN**

I, Bryan L. Bleichner, declare:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. I am privileged to serve as lead Settlement Class Counsel for proposed Class Counsel ("Class Counsel") on behalf of the Plaintiffs and the putative class in this litigation. I am a partner in the firm

Chestnut Cambronne, PA. I submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and Notice Plan. I have attached the executed Settlement Agreement as Exhibit 1 to this Declaration.

2. This case arises from a Data Incident (the "Data Incident")) suffered by Defendant Morley Companies, Inc. ("Morley" or "Defendant") on or about August 1, 2021 that involved the potential unauthorized access of Personally Identifiable Information ("PII") of approximately 694,679 individuals.

3. Plaintiff Christine Thomsen initiated this action against Morley by filing a complaint on behalf of herself and a class of all others similarly situated on February 10, 2022. ECF No. 1.

4. Subsequently, beginning on February 11, 2022, and through March 3, 2022, five related complaints were filed against Morley. *See Miller v. Morley Cos., Inc.*, No. 1:22-cv-10284-TLL-PTM (filed Feb. 11, 2022); *Kometh, et al. v. Morley Cos., Inc.*, No. 1:22-cv-10311-TLL-PTM (filed Feb. 15, 2022); *Teverbaugh v. Morley Cos., Inc.*, No. 1:22-cv-10321-TLL-PTM (filed Feb. 15, 2022); *Journagin v. Morley Cos., Inc.*, No. 2:22-cv-10469-GAD-KGA (filed Mar. 3, 2022) (the "Federal Actions").

5. The Plaintiffs in the Federal Actions, in the interests of judicial economy, coordinated with each other and Plaintiff Christine Thomsen (collectively,

the “Federal Actions Plaintiffs”) and voluntarily dismissed each of their respective complaints without prejudice.

6. The Federal Actions Plaintiffs filed an Amended Class Action Complaint, on behalf of themselves and on behalf of all others similarly situated, in the present litigation on March 14, 2022. ECF No. 7.

7. During this same period, another matter arising from the same facts, was filed in Michigan state court and then removed to this District Court, *Cable v. Morley Cos., Inc.*, No. 1:22-cv-10692-TLL-PTM.

8. The plaintiffs in the *Cable* matter agreed to work towards settlement together with the Federal Actions Plaintiffs and Defendant to reach a global settlement.

9. Shortly after serving the Complaint filed here, the Parties discussed the possibility of early resolution via mediation. To that end, the Parties set a mediation for April 20, 2022 with mediator Bennett G. Picker, Esq. of Stradley Ronon. The Parties also stipulated to extend Morley’s responsive pleading deadline from March 28, 2022 to May 12, 2022, so that Morley could file its responsive pleading if the April 20 mediation was unsuccessful. ECF No. 10.

10. Prior to attending mediation, Plaintiffs served and Defendant responded to informal discovery requests pertaining to the following areas of inquiry: cyber-forensic reports, internal investigations, correspondence with government regulatory



agencies, number of persons affected by the Data Incident, security measures taken post-Data Incident, the types of PII and PHI compromised during the Data Incident, the amount of insurance coverage, and number of employees affected by the Data Incident.

11. Defendant produced this information with sufficient time for Plaintiffs' Counsel to thoroughly evaluate and include it in their analysis of damages. Through informal discovery, Plaintiffs uncovered that the Data Incident potentially disclosed the personal information of approximately 694,679 individuals, including current and former employees. Through informal discovery, the Parties were able to draft and exchange mediation briefs outlining each Party's respective position.

12. Through this pre-mediation process and the mediation that took place on April 20, the Parties engaged in the exchange of information that allowed Class Counsel to understand the size of the Settlement Class, the issues at hand, and obtain an excellent settlement for class members.

13. Through the April 20, 2022 mediation with Bennett G. Picker, Esq. of Stradley Ronon, the Parties agreed to resolve all claims asserted in the Amended Class Action Complaint and the Complaint filed in the *Cable* matter. Morley has agreed to provide a Settlement Fund of approximately \$4.3 million. The Settlement Fund will be distributed to Settlement Class Members pursuant to the Notice and Distribution Plan (Settlement Agreement, Exhibit 1), from which the Settlement

Administrator will disburse to Settlement Class Members (less any amounts used to pay for Settlement Notice, any incentive awards, and attorneys' fees).

14. In addition to the credit monitoring service and other non-monetary benefits provided by this Settlement, the monetary settlement here approximates to a payment of \$6.19 per Class Member.

15. After reaching a settlement in principle, the Federal Actions Plaintiffs conferred with the *Cable* Plaintiffs and it was agreed that the *Cable* Plaintiffs would voluntarily dismiss their action and be included in the Second Amended Class Action Complaint that was filed on May 26, 2021. ECF No. 16. The *Cable* Plaintiffs are included in this Settlement.

16. The Operative Second Amended Class Action Complaint alleges that Defendant suffered a massive ransomware-type malware attack that occurred on or about August 1, 2021. ECF No. 16, PageID.448. The Second Amended Complaint, in substantive part, mirrors the Original Complaint and the First Amended Complaint, and inserts allegations for each Plaintiff in the Federal Actions and the *Cable* matter.

17. The Parties have selected Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. and/or its affiliate Hilsoft Notifications (collectively referred to as "Epiq") to be the Settlement Claims Administrator. Within 14 days of Preliminary Approval, the Administrator will be provided with the Class List, which the Agreement defines as

the lists of the names and last known physical address of each Settlement Class Member.

18. Using these lists, Epiq will run the postal addresses of Class Members through the USPS National Change of Address database to update any change of address on file with the USPS.

19. In the event that a Short Notice is returned to Epiq and the envelope contains a forwarding address, Epiq will re-send the Short Notice to the forwarding address within seven (7) days.

20. In the event that a Short Notice is returned to Epiq and it is at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Opt-Out Date and Objection Date, and there is no new forwarding address, Epiq will perform a standard skip trace in an effort to ascertain the current address of the Settlement Class Member and, if such an address is ascertained, Epiq will re-send the Short Notice within seven (7) days.

21. Epiq is also responsible for establishing and maintaining a Settlement Website that will host a traditional “Long Form” notice. At the Website, Class Members will be able to learn about the Settlement Agreement, be advised of key dates and deadlines, and review important settlement documents. Settlement Class Members will also be able to use the Settlement Website to download claim forms for mailing and to submit such claim forms electronically.

22. The global resolution achieved by the Parties in the Settlement came about through well-informed Parties and their counsel. Class Counsel received and reviewed over one thousand pages of documents produced by Defendant. These documents confirmed Plaintiffs' analysis of the legal merits in this case.

23. After thorough informal discovery and based on their experience in numerous prior data breach cases, Class Counsel were confident that the evidence would establish Morley's liability and prove damages on a class-wide basis.

24. Settlement Class Counsel kept in close contact with Plaintiffs during the litigation through numerous emails and personal telephone calls.

25. In view of the contested issues involved, the risks, uncertainty, and costs of further prosecution of the litigation, the parties agreed to mediate under the guidance of Bennet G. Picker, who facilitated rigorous negotiations over the course of an all-day mediation session. The mediation was highly contested, with counsel for each side advancing their respective arguments zealously on behalf of the best interests of their clients while demonstrating their willingness to continue to litigate rather than accept a settlement not in the best interests of their clients. The negotiations were hard-fought throughout and the settlement process was conducted at arm's length and, while conducted in a highly professional and respectful manner, was adversarial.

26. Settlement Class Counsel will request up to a \$1,500 service award to each Named Plaintiff in recognition of the time, effort, and expense they incurred in pursuing claims benefitting the Settlement Class. Plaintiffs in this case have been vital in litigating this matter and have been personally involved in this case and support Settlement.

27. Plaintiffs collectively request that the Court appoint Bryan L. Bleichner of Chestnut Cambronne PA as Settlement Class Counsel. A copy of Mr. Bleichner's firm resume is attached to this Declaration.

28. The Plaintiffs are also represented in this matter by numerous other attorneys and law firms with a vast amount of class action and data breach litigation experience. The firm resumes of other Plaintiffs' Counsel are also attached to this Declaration. *See* attached.

29. Settlement Class Counsel recommends, for the Court's consideration, preliminary approval of the Settlement because it is well within the range of possible approval and represents a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement and is in the best interests of the Settlement Class.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 24th day of August, 2022, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

/s/ Bryan L. Bleichner

Bryan L. Bleichner

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The Miller Law Firm, P.C. (the “Firm”) is one of the premier litigation law firms in the United States and Michigan’s leading financial class action firm. A recognized leader in the area of complex commercial litigation, the Firm is ranked Tier 1 in Detroit by *U.S. News-Best Lawyers* “Best Law Firms” for commercial litigation. Since the Firm’s founding in 1994, the Firm has developed a national reputation for successfully prosecuting securities fraud and consumer class actions on behalf of its clients. As Lead Counsel or Co-Lead Counsel appointed by judges throughout the United States in some of the country’s largest and most complex cases, the Firm has achieved over \$3 billion in settlements, recoveries and/or verdicts on behalf of injured class members.

### Highlights of Results Obtained

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| 2021 | <p><i>Persad, et al. v. Ford Motor Company</i><br/>         (United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)<br/>         (Case No. 2:17-cv-12599) (Co-Lead Counsel)</p> <p>Result: Obtained significant class-wide relief for nationwide owners and lessees</p> <p><i>Simmons, et al. v. Apple, Inc.</i><br/>         (Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara)<br/>         (Case No. 17CV312251) (Co-Lead Counsel)</p> <p>Result: \$9,750,000</p> |
| 2019 | <p><i>Carl Palazzolo, et al. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V., et al.</i><br/>         (United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)<br/>         (Case No. 16-cv-12803) (Co-Lead Counsel)</p> <p>Result: \$14,750,000</p> <p><i>Zimmerman v. Diplomat Pharmacy, Inc., et al.</i><br/>         (United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)<br/>         (Case No. 2:16-cv-14005) (Liaison Counsel)</p> <p>Result: \$14,100,000</p>                          |
| 2018 | <p><i>In re Freight Forwarders Antitrust Litigation</i><br/>         (United States District Court, Eastern District of New York)<br/>         (Case No. 08-cv-00042) (Counsel for Class Representative)</p> <p>Result: \$1 billion settlement amount</p>   |



2017 *Foster v. L3 Communications, EO Tech*  
(United States District Court, Western District of Missouri)  
(Case No. 15-cv-03519) (Co-Lead Counsel)

Result: \$51 million (100% recovery)

2016 *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 12-md-02311) (Liaison Counsel)

Result: Over \$1 billion in settlements

*GM Securities Class Action/New York Teachers Retirement System v. General Motors Company*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 4:14-cv-11191) (Local Counsel)

Result: \$300 million settlement

*ERISA Class Action/Davidson v. Henkel Corporation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 12-cv-14103) (Lead Counsel)

Result: \$3.35 million settlement (100% Recovery for 41 member class)

*Pat Cason-Merenda and Jeffrey A. Suhre v. VHS of Michigan, Inc., dba Detroit Medical Center (Antitrust)*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 2:06-cv-15601) (Special Trial Counsel)

Result: \$42 million settlement

2015 *In re AIG 2008 Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Southern District of New York)  
(Case No. 08-cv-04772) (Co-Lead Counsel)

Result: \$970.5 million settlement

2014 *City of Farmington Hills Employees Retirement System v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*  
(United States District Court, District of Minnesota)  
(Case No. 10-cv-04372) (Co-Lead Counsel and Primary trial counsel)

Result: \$62.5 million settlement approved

*The Shane Group, Inc., et al. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 2:10-cv-14360) (Interim Co-Lead)

Result: \$30 million settlement pending final approval

*In re Refrigerant Compressors Antitrust Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 09-md-02042) (Interim Co-Lead)

Result: \$30,000,000 settlement

2013 *The Board of Trustees of the City of Birmingham Employees et. al. v. Comerica Bank et. al.*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 2:09-13201) (Co-Lead Counsel)

Result: \$11,000,000 settlement

*In Re Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd. Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 2:09-cv-12830) (Co-Lead Counsel for the Class)

Result: \$2,975,000 settlement

*In Re TechTeam Global Inc. Shareholder Litigation*  
(Oakland County Circuit Court, State of Michigan)  
(Case No. 10-114863-CB) (Liaison Counsel)

Result: \$1,775,000 settlement

*General Retirement System of the City of Detroit and Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit vs. UBS Securities, LLC (Structured Investment Vehicle)*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 2:10-cv-13920) (Lead Counsel)

Result: Confidential settlement

2010      *Epstein, et al. v. Heartland Industrial Partners, L.P., et al.*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 2:06-CV-13555) (Substantial role)

Result: \$12,262,500 settlement

*In Re Skilled Healthcare Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Central District of California)  
(Case No. 09-5416) (Substantial role)

Result: \$3,000,000 settlement

2009      *In Re Proquest Company Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Case No. 4:06-CV-11579) (Substantial role; argued Motion to Dismiss)

Result: \$20,000,000 settlement

*In Re Collins & Aikman Corporation Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)  
(Case No. 03-CV-71173) (Substantial role)

Result: \$10,800,000 settlement

*In re IT Group Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania)  
(Civil Action No. 03-288) (Co-Lead)

Result: \$3,400,000 settlement

2008      *In re Mercury Interactive Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Northern District of California)  
(Civil Action No. 03:05-CV-3395-JF) (Substantial role)

Result: \$117,000,000 settlement

*In Re General Motors Corporation Securities and Derivative Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)  
(Master Case No. 06-MD-1749) (Co-Lead)

Status: Obtained major corporate governance reforms to address accounting

deficiencies

2007

*Wong v. T-Mobile USA, Inc.*

(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)

(Case No. 05-CV-73922) (Co-Lead)

Result: Settlement for 100% of damages

*In re CMS Energy Corporation Securities Litigation*

(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)

(Master File No. 2:02 CV 72004) (Substantial role)

Result: \$200,000,000 settlement

2005

*In re Comerica Securities Fraud Litigation*

(United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan)

(Case No. 2:02-CV-60233) (Substantial role)

Result: \$21,000,000, divided between related cases at \$15,000,000 and \$6,000,000

*Street v. Siemens*

(Philadelphia State Court)

(Case No. 03-885) (Co-Lead)

Result: \$14,400,000, including 100% recovery for more than 1,000 workers wrongfully deprived of pay

*Redmer v. Tournament Players Club of Michigan*

(Wayne County Circuit Court) (Case No. 02-224481-CK) (Co-Lead)

Result: \$3,100,000 settlement

2004

*Passucci v. Airtouch Communications, Inc.*

(Wayne County Circuit Court) (Case No. 01-131048-CP) (Co-Lead)

Result: Estimated settlement valued between: \$30,900,000 to \$40,300,000

*Johnson v. National Western Life Insurance*

(Oakland County Circuit Court)

(Case No. 01-032012-CP) (Substantial role)

Result: \$10,700,000 settlement on behalf of nation-wide class of purchasers of annuities

2003

*Felts v. Starlight*

(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)

(Case No. 01-71539) (Co-Lead)

Result: Starlight agrees to stop selling ephedrine as an ingredient in its weight loss dietary supplement product

*In re Lason Securities Litigation*

(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)

(Case No. 99-CV-76079) (Co-Lead)

Result: \$12,680,000 settlement

2001

*Mario Gasperoni, et al. v. Metabolife International, Inc.*

(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)

(Case No. 00-71255) (Co-Lead)

Result: Nationwide settlement approved mandating changes in advertising and labeling on millions of bottles of dietary supplement, plus approximately \$8,500,000 in benefits

1999

*Pop v. Art Van Furniture and Alexander Hamilton Insurance Company*

(Wayne County Circuit Court)(Case No. 97-722003-CP) (Co-Lead)

Result: Changes in sales practices and \$9,000,000 in merchandise.

*Schroff v. Bombardier*

(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)

(Case No. 99-70327) (Co-Lead)

Result: Recall of more than 20,000 defective Seadoos throughout North America; repair of defect to reduce water ingestion problem; extended warranties; and approximately \$4,000,000 in merchandise.

*In re National Techteam Securities Litigation*

(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)

(Master File No. 97-74587) (Substantial role)

Result: \$11,000,000 settlement

*In Re F&M Distributors, Inc., Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)  
(Case No. 95-CV-71778-DT) (Minor role)

Result: \$20,000,000 settlement

1998 *In Re Michigan National Corporation Securities Litigation*  
(United States District Court, Eastern District Michigan)  
(Case No 95 CV 70647 DT) (Substantial role)

Result: \$13,300,000 settlement

1995 *In re Intel Pentium Processor Litigation*  
(Superior Court, Santa Clara County, California)(Master File No. 745729)  
(Substantial role)

Result: Intel agreed to replace millions of defective Pentium chips on demand  
without any cost to consumers



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Powell Miller has been recognized as Michigan's number one ranked attorney by Super Lawyers Magazine for 2020. He has also been named one of the Top 10 lawyers in Michigan for thirteen consecutive years, from 2009-2021, by Super Lawyers Magazine, and in 2010, 2015, 2019, and 2020 he was the recipient of the Best Lawyers – Lawyer of the Year in the category of Bet-The-Company Litigation. In 2017, Mr. Miller was the recipient of the Judge Friedman and Cook Civility Award, which is awarded to only one lawyer each year. He has been named as one of the Best Lawyers in America every year since 2005. Mr. Miller has earned

Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating, AV® Preeminent™ 5/5.0 for legal ethics and ability and a 10/10 from AVVO a public rating system. Mr. Miller is also ranked as only one of nine in Michigan to receive the highest Band 1 rating by Chambers USA, describing Mr. Miller as a "Superb trial lawyer" who "routinely acts for high-profile clients based across the [United] states."

Mr. Miller focuses his practice on all aspects of litigation. He has been retained by many Fortune 500 and other clients to represent them in litigation throughout the United States, including in Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Florida, Texas, Kentucky, Ohio, California, Colorado, Indiana, and Illinois.

Mr. Miller recently won an arbitration against Jimmy Johns in the amount of \$4.8 million including a \$1 million attorney fee award. He has never lost a trial, including verdicts in excess of \$5 million, \$10 million and \$23 million. Mr. Miller has also obtained in excess of \$5 billion in settlements. These settlements are regularly among the top ten in Michigan each year, including a high-profile verdict in May, 2016 for 100% liability.

In October, 2019 Mr. Miller defended a consumer goods manufacturer against Plaintiffs asserting complex price discrimination and antitrust claims, and alleging millions of dollars in damages. Following a 3-week trial and seven hours of deliberations, a California jury returned a unanimous verdict in favor of his client, rejecting all of Plaintiffs' claims.

Mr. Miller has previously served as Co-President of the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Antitrust and Securities Committees. He also serves on the Executive Committee for the Wayne State University Law School Board of Visitors and has served a Co-Chair of the American Bar Association Procedures Subcommittee on class actions and multi-district litigation. He lectures regularly on securities litigation at the University of Michigan School of Law. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Detroit Law School teaching trial practice. In addition, Mr. Miller regularly speaks at continuing legal education seminars on securities fraud class actions. Mr. Miller also serves as a Master member of The Oakland County Bar Association Inns of Court.

Mr. Miller graduated third in his class from Wayne State University Law School, magna cum laude, in 1986. He was named to the honor society, Order of the Coif, and he was an Editor of the Wayne Law Review. In 1986, Mr.

Miller joined the Detroit law firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, where he was elected partner in 1990. In 1994, he formed his own firm.

Mr. Miller has been recognized as a top debater in the United States. He won first place at the Harvard University National Debate Tournament as a freshman at Georgetown University. He also represented Georgetown in a special international debating exhibition against the Oxford Debating Union of Great Britain.

Mr. Miller is a proud supporter of the Detroit Urban Debate League, a nonprofit that supports the creation of debate programs in under-served high schools; the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy; The Joe Niekro Foundation, which is committed to aiding in the research and treatment of aneurysm patients and families; and Charlotte's Wings, a nonprofit that is dedicated to supporting ailing children in Southeast Michigan through donations of new books to the children and their families in hospital and hospice care.

**EDUCATION:**

**UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL, 1979**

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, B.A., 1983**

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERISTY LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 1986**





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Sharon S. Almonrode is a partner at The Miller Law Firm, where she is also the Chair of the Firm's Class Action and Multi-District Litigation Department.. She has a complex litigation practice with an emphasis on prosecuting large, high-risk, significant damage exposure cases on behalf of clients. Her practice includes ERISA and pension fund litigation, breach of fiduciary duty, consumer products and commercial litigation. She has represented commercial clients in products liability and patent and trademark related litigation. She has successfully represented clients in multi-million dollar cases, including the successful resolution of an actuarial claim for \$110 million dollars.

Ms. Almonrode was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in ongoing litigation against Mylan Pharmaceuticals and other drug companies regarding their anti-competitive conduct in the sale of EpiPen epinephrine auto-injectors, resulting in a monopoly that has made them billions of dollars at the expense of consumers and third party payors. *See In Re: EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, UPS) Marketing, Sales Practices and Antitrust Litigation*, No. 17-md-02785 (D. Kan.). Ms. Almonrode also served as co-lead counsel in *In Re: Foster v. L3 Communications, EO Tech*, No. 15-cv-03519 (E.D. Mich.) which settled in excess of \$51 million, as well as co-lead counsel in the ERISA class action *Davidson v. Henkel Corporation*, No. 12-cv-14103 (E.D. Mich.) which settled for \$3.35 million, resulting in a 100% recovery for the class.

In 2010, she received the special distinction of Michigan Leader in the Law, awarded by *Michigan Lawyers' Weekly*. For the past eleven years, Ms. Almonrode has been named a Super Lawyer. For the past nine years, she has been named one of the top 50 Women Super Lawyers in the State of Michigan (out of approximately 11,000 women practicing in the state). For the past eight years, she has been named one of the top 100 Lawyers in Michigan (out of 34,204 lawyers in the state). She was named one of the top five Consumer Lawyers in the State of Michigan for 2016. Ms. Almonrode was named among the most notable women lawyers in Michigan by *Crain's Detroit Business* for 2017. Recently, she was admitted to the inaugural class of the Michigan Lawyers' Weekly Hall of Fame. She has earned Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating, AV®Preeminent™ 5/5.0 for legal ethics and ability.

Ms. Almonrode was admitted to practice in the State of Michigan in 1982. She is also admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan, U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Michigan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Western District of Michigan, U.S. District Court – Northern District of Illinois, U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, the State of New York, the U.S. District Court for Southern District of New York, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Before joining The Miller Law Firm, P.C. in 2012, Ms. Almonrode was a Partner at Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton, P.C., and Supervisor-Salaried Personnel at General Motors Corp.

Ms. Almonrode's pro bono activities have included working with the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Film Theatre Board.

**Oakland University, B.S., 1978**

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Dennis A. Lienhardt is a Partner at The Miller Law Firm. He concentrates his practice on complex commercial and class action litigation.

Dennis Lienhardt litigates complex class action and commercial litigation cases, including consumer protection, data breach, product liability, environmental, ERISA, antitrust, and securities cases. He has prosecuted dozens of class actions on behalf of consumers in federal courts in Michigan, New York, California, Illinois, Ohio, Kansas, and Arkansas.

Mr. Lienhardt has served as a counsel of record for plaintiffs and class members in the following matters, among others, which resulted in significant settlements for consumers nationwide: (1) settlement of securities class action against pharmaceutical services company valued at over \$14 million; (2) settlement of securities class action against OEM valued at over \$14 million; and (3) settlement against OEM for misstating vehicle fuel efficiency.

Mr. Lienhardt received his law degree from Wayne State University Law School in 2016 after receiving the Jason L. Honigman Scholarship and the Bruce A. Miller Scholarship. While at Wayne Law he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Wayne Law Review and also received special accolades for his oral advocacy skills in Moot Court, including being chosen to represent Wayne Law at the Tulane Sports Law Moot Court Invitational in New Orleans. Prior to law school, Mr. Lienhardt received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan – Dearborn in 2013. While at UM-Dearborn, he served as President of the Student Government, President of the Political Science Association, was named a University “Distinguished Student Leader,” and delivered the commencement address.

Mr. Lienhardt is involved in the Federal Bar Association and the Detroit Bar Association.

**University of Michigan-Dearborn, B.A., 2013**

**Wayne State University Law School, J.D., 2016**



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Gregory A. Mitchell is an associate attorney at The Miller Law Firm. Mr. Mitchell concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation and consumer class actions.

Mr. Mitchell recently worked to secure a preliminary injunction to enforce an automotive supply agreement as to the allocation of tariff obligations.

Mr. Mitchell previously concentrated his practice in contractual disputes and real estate law, where he firstchaired trials, conducted depositions, and engaged in extensive motion practice.

Prior to joining The Miller Law Firm, Mr. Mitchell worked at a nationally recognized test preparation company as a director, manager, and faculty instructor, where he received several national awards for his performance as an instructor. Mr. Mitchell was also credited with co-authoring multiple textbooks.

Mr. Mitchell graduated from the University of Michigan, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois where he focused his studies on law and economics.

Mr. Mitchell is admitted to practice in the State of Michigan and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

**University of Michigan, B.A., 2001**

**University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., 2005**

# **Chestnut Cambronne PA – Firm Biography and Resume**



## CHESTNUT CAMBRONNE FIRM RESUME

For over 50 years, Chestnut Cambronne PA has been representing clients in class action litigation both in the Twin Cities area and at a national level. Since its inception, Chestnut Cambronne has been engaged in complex litigation throughout the country and has successfully both prosecuted and defended class litigation addressing substantive legal questions in the fields of data security breaches, securities, ERISA, banking, antitrust, and consumer protection law. Representative class action cases in which the firm and its members have been involved with over the past several years include:

*In Re: Pawn America Consumer Data Breach Litigation*, No. 21-cv-2544-PJS-HB (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Pawn America and related entities alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.

*In Re: Netgain Technology, LLC, Consumer Data Breach Litigation*, No. 21-cv-1210-SRN-LIB (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Netgain Technology alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.

*Lutz v. Electromed, Inc.*, No. 21-cv-2198-SRN-DTS (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Electromed alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Chestnut Cambronne is prosecuting the case with two additional plaintiffs' law firms.

*Tracy v. Elekta, Inc.*, No. 21-cv-02851 (N.D. Ga.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Elekta, Inc. alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.

*Baker v. Parkmobile, LLC*, No. 21-cv-2181-SCJ (N.D. Ga.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Parkmobile, LLC alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed to the Interim Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

*DeSue v. 20/20 Eye Care Network, Inc.*, No. 21-cv-61275-RAR (S.D. Fla.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against 20/20 Eye Care Network alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.

*Garrett v. Herff Jones, LLC*, No. 21-cv-01329-TWP-DLP (S.D. Ind.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Herff Jones alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.

*In re EyeMed Vision Care, LLC Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 21-cv-00036-DRC (S.D. Ohio). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against EyeMed alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.

*In re Luxottica of America, Inc. Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 20-cv-00908-MRB (S.D. Ohio). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Luxottica alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.

*Johnson v. Yuma Regional Medical Center*, No. CV-22-1061 (D. Az.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Yuma Regional Medical Center alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.

*Greenstate Credit Union v. Hy-Vee, Inc.*, No. 20-cv-00621-DSD-DTS (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of financial institutions against Hy-Vee alleging negligence and violations of the Minnesota Plastic Card Security Act in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner currently serves as co-counsel.

*Village Bank v. Caribou Coffee Company, Inc.*, No. 19-cv-01640-JNE-HB (D. Minn.). A recently settled class action on behalf of a putative class of financial institutions against Hy-Vee alleging negligence and violations of the Minnesota Plastic Card Security Act in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner serves as court appointed settlement class counsel.

*Walker v. Nautilus, Inc.*, No. 20-cv-3414-EAS-EPD (S.D. Ohio). A pending consumer protection class action against Nautilus, Inc. alleging Defendant materially misrepresented the horsepower produced by the electric motors in its treadmills. Chestnut Cambronne currently serves as Plaintiffs' counsel.

*In re DPP Beef Litig.*, No. 20-cv-1319-JRT/HB (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of direct purchasers against beef product producers alleging claims of price fixing. Chestnut Cambronne serves as Plaintiffs' Counsel.

*Alicia Schaeffer v. Life Time Fitness, Inc. et al.*, No. 27-cv-20-10513 (Minn. 2020). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of group fitness instructors against Life Time Fitness, Inc. alleging Defendants refused to compensate Plaintiff and class members for work performed for their employer's benefit. Chestnut Cambronne currently serves as Plaintiffs' counsel.

*In re WaWa, Inc. Data Security Litig.*, No. 19-cv-6019-GEKP (E.D. Pa.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of financial institutions against WaWa, Inc. alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner serves on the Financial Institution Track Defendant Discovery and ESI Committee

*Teeda Barclay v. Icon Health & Fitness, Inc., et al.*, No. 19-cv-02970-ECT-DTS (D. Minn.). A pending consumer protection class action against Icon Health & Fitness and NordicTrack alleging Defendants materially misrepresented the horsepower produced by the electric motors in its treadmills. Bryan L. Bleichner currently serves as Plaintiffs' counsel.

*In re Resideo Technologies, Inc. Securities Litig.*, No. 19-cv-02863-WMW-KMM (D. Minn.). A pending shareholder class action against Resideo and its directors and officers for failing to disclose material information about its spin-off from Honeywell. Chestnut Cambronne serves as liaison counsel on this matter.

*Delamarter v. Supercuts, Inc.*, No. 19-3158-DSD-TNL (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Supercuts alleging violations of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act. Bryan L. Bleichner serves as Plaintiff's Counsel.

*Kenneth Peterson v. JBS USA Food Company Holdings, et al.*, No. 19-cv-1129-JRT-HB (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of indirect



purchasers against beef product producers alleging claims of price fixing. Chestnut Cambronne served as Plaintiffs' Counsel.

*In re: FedLoan Student Loan Servicing Litigation*, No. 2:18-md-02833-CDJ (E.D. Pa.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of student loan borrowers against FedLoan Servicing / Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency alleging consumer fraud violations and other claims. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed to the Executive Committee.

*ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Health Benefits Trust v. St. Jude Medical, LLC, et al.*, No. 18-cv-02124-DSD-HB (D. Minn.). A class action on behalf of a putative class of third-party health benefits payors against St. Jude Medical and Abbott Laboratories alleging product liability and other claims. Chestnut Cambronne served as Plaintiffs' Counsel.

*In Re Pork Antitrust Litigation*, No. 18-cv-1776-JRT-HB (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of direct purchasers against pork product producers alleging claims of price fixing. Chestnut Cambronne currently serves as Plaintiffs' Counsel.

*James Bruner, et al. v. Polaris Industries Inc. et al.*, No. 18-cv-00939-WMW-DTS (D. Minn.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of consumers against Polaris Industries alleging product liability claims. Chestnut Cambronne was court appointed as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel.

*In re: Equifax, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 17-md-2800-TWT (N.D. Ga.). A settled class action on behalf of a putative class of financial institutions against Equifax alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed to the Financial Institution Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

*Marie Travis v. Navient Corp. et al.*, No. 17-cv-04885-JFB-GRB (E.D.N.Y.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of student loan borrowers against Navient Corp. alleging consumer fraud act violations and other claims. Bryan L. Bleichner serves as Plaintiffs' Counsel.

*Midwest Am. Fed. Credit Union v. Arby's Rest. Grp. Inc.*, No. 17-cv-00514-AT (N.D. Ga.). A pending class action on behalf of a putative class of financial institutions against Arby's alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was appointed to the Interim Plaintiffs' Executive Committee.



*Veridian Credit Union v. Eddie Bauer LLC*, No. 2:17-cv-00356 (W.D. Wash.). A settled class action on behalf of a putative class of financial institutions against Eddie Bauer alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner served as Plaintiff's counsel.

*Bellwether Community Credit Union v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.*, No. 17-cv-1102 (D. Colo.). A settled class action on behalf of a putative class of financial institutions against Chipotle alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed to Chair of the Executive Committee.

*First Choice Fed. Credit Union et al. v. The Wendy's Company et al.*, No. 2:16-cv-00506 (W.D. Pa.). An ongoing class action on behalf of a putative class of financial institutions against Wendy's alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed to the Executive Committee.

*Gordon v. Amadeus IT Group, S.A.*, No. 1:15-cv-05457 (S.D.N.Y. July 14, 2015). A resolved putative class action alleging collusion and anticompetitive behavior among the companies that provide the systems used by travel agents to link to airline flight and fare information known as global distribution systems (GDS). Chestnut Cambronne served as Plaintiffs' Counsel in this litigation.

*In re: Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*, No. 5:15-md-02617 (LHK) (N.D. Cal. March 13, 2015). A settled class action against Anthem alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach affecting in excess of 80 million consumers. Chestnut Cambronne served as Plaintiffs' Counsel in the litigation.

*Gassoway v. Benchmark Energy Transport Services, Inc.*, (S.D. Tex. February 23, 2015). A certified and settled class action case alleging Benchmark Energy Transport Services deducted and withheld an undisclosed surcharge from trucking owner-operators in violation of Federal Regulations. Chestnut Cambronne served as co-lead counsel for the certified class.

*In re: The Home Depot, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 1:14-md-02583 (TWT) (N.D. Ga.). This is an ongoing putative class action against The Home Depot alleging negligence and other claims in a data security breach affecting 56 million consumers and tens of thousands of financial institutions. Bryan L. Bleichner was court appointed to the Financial Institution Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

*In re: Target Corporation Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 0:14-md-02522 (PAM/JJK) (D. Minn. December 26, 2013). This is a settled class action against Target Corporation alleging negligence and violations of the Minnesota Plastic Card Security Act in a data security breach affecting 70 million consumers and tens of thousands of financial institutions. Chestnut Cambronne served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Financial Institution Class and Coordinating Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs.

*Christian v. National Hockey League*, No. 0:14-md-02551 (SRN/JSM) (D. Minn. April 15, 2014) This is a settled putative class action against the National Hockey League (NHL) alleging that the NHL ignored the known risks of concussive injuries and failed to safeguard its players. Chestnut Cambronne was court appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee.

*Puerta v. Tile Shop Holdings, Inc.*, No. 0:14-cv-00786 (ADM/TNL) (D. Minn. March 21, 2014). A settled shareholder class action against Tile Shop Holdings and its directors and officers for failing to disclose material information about a supplier relationship. Chestnut Cambronne served as liaison counsel on this matter.

*In re: Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litig.*, No. 2:13-md-2437; 939 F. Supp. 2d 1371 (E.D. Pa. 2013). This is an ongoing antitrust putative class action against domestic manufacturers of drywall alleging price-fixing. Chestnut Cambronne is acting as plaintiffs' counsel in this matter.

*Lucas v. SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc.*, No. 1:12-cv-02356 (SCJ) (N.D. Ga. Feb. 8, 2013). A settled consumer protection class action in which Chestnut Cambronne served as co-lead counsel.

*In re: Imprelis Herbicide Mktg., Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig.*, No. 2:11-md-02284 (GP) (E.D. Pa. Oct. 20, 2011). This is a settled products liability class action against the manufacturer of Imprelis Herbicide, DuPont. The class has recovered over \$378 million to date.

*Minneapolis Firefighters' Relief Ass'n v. Medtronic, Inc.*, No. 08-6324 (PAM/AJB) (D. Minn. 2009); 618 F. Supp. 1016 (D. Minn. 2009); 278 F.R.D. 454 (D. Minn. 2011). This is a settled securities fraud class action in which Chestnut Cambronne was lead and liaison counsel. The class recovered \$80 million.

*In re: American Express Anti-Steering Rules Antitrust Litig. (No. II)*, MDL No. 2221, 764 F. Supp. 2d 1343 (E.D.N.Y. 2010). This is a settled class action alleging that Defendant American Express' policies prohibiting merchants from offering customers incentives to use a particular card or type of payment violated antitrust laws. The case is currently under appellate review before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

*Mooney v. Allianz Life Ins. Co. of North America*, No. 06-545 (ADM/FLN); 2010 WL 419962 (D. Minn. Jan. 29, 2010). This was a certified class action in which Chestnut Cambronne was co-lead counsel seeking damages of \$2 billion. After a three-week trial, the jury concluded Allianz made false and misleading statements intentionally in violation of the statute, but did not award damages.

*In re United Healthcare, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litig.*, 631 F.3d 913 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2011), *affirming* 631 F. Supp. 2d 1151 (D. Minn. 2009). This is a settled shareholder derivative case involving the backdating of stock options. Chestnut Cambronne served as lead counsel and recovered on behalf of the company a settlement valued at \$922 million. Today, it remains the largest recovery in a shareholder derivative case in United States history.

*San Francisco Health Plan v. McKesson Corp.*, No. 1:08-cv-10843 (D. Mass. May 20, 2008). A settled RICO and Clayton Act class action challenging the pricing of pharmaceutical drugs. The class recovered \$82 million. Chestnut Cambronne represented Plaintiff Anoka County.

*In re MoneyGram Int'l, Inc. Securities Litig.*, No. 08-cv-883 (DSD/JJG) (D. Minn. July 22, 2008); 626 F. Supp. 2d 947 (D. Minn. 2009). This is a settled securities fraud class action in which Chestnut Cambronne was co-lead counsel and recovered \$80 million for the class.

*Avritt v. Reliastar Life Ins. Co.*, No. 0:07-cv-01817 (JNE/JJG) (D. Minn. April 9, 2007). This is a settled class action that alleged Defendant defrauded consumers in the sale of its Fixed Annuities. Chestnut Cambronne served as local counsel and recovered \$31 million for the class.

*In re: Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litig.*, No. 1:06-md-01775 (JG/VVP) (E.D.N.Y. June 27, 2006). This is a partially settled class action alleging a price-fixing conspiracy by dozens of international air cargo carriers. To date over \$500 million has been recovered for the class.

*In re: Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig.*, MDL No. 1720, 398 F. Supp. 2d 1356 (E.D.N.Y. 2005). A settled class action alleging that the rules Defendants Visa and MasterCard impose upon merchants violate antitrust laws. The case is currently on appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The current settlement value is in excess of \$7.25 billion.

*In re Xcel Energy, Inc. Sec, Derivative & "ERISA" Litig*, 364 F. Supp. 980, 995-996 (D. Minn. 2005); *In re Xcel Energy Securities, Derivative & "ERISA" Litigation*, 286 F. Supp. 2d 1047 (D. Minn. 2003). This was a securities fraud class action in which Chestnut Cambronne was co-lead counsel. The class recovered \$80 million.

*Cooper v. Miller, Johnson, Steichen & Kinnard*, No. 0:02-cv-01236 (RHK/AJB) (D. Minn. June 5, 2002) This is a settled securities fraud class action in which Chestnut Cambronne served as lead counsel. The class recovered \$5.6 million.

*In Re E.W. Blanch Holdings, Inc. Securities Litig.*, No. 0:01-cv-00258 (JNE/JGL) (D. Minn. Feb. 12, 2001) This is a settled securities fraud class action in which Chestnut Cambronne served as lead counsel. The class recovered \$20 million.

*In re Blue Cross Subscriber Litig.*, No. 19-C3-98-7780 (Minn. Dist. Ct. 1<sup>st</sup> Dist.) This was a consumer protection class action on behalf of Blue Cross subscribers. Over \$41 million was recovered for Blue Cross policy holders. Chestnut Cambronne served as lead counsel.

*Alford v. Mego Mortgage Home Loan Owner Trust 1997-1; Mazur v. Empire Funding Home Loan Owner Trust 1997-1; and Banks, et al. v. FirstPlus Home Loan Trust 1996-2* (Minn. Dist. Ct. 4<sup>th</sup> Dist.). These are settled consumer-lending cases in which Chestnut Cambronne acted as co-lead counsel.

Chestnut Cambronne also has experience successfully defending class litigation. See, e.g., *In re K-Tel*, 300 F.3d 881 (8th Cir. 2002); *Wylde v. Champps of New Brighton*, No. 10-cv-4953 (ADM/JJK) (D. Minn. 2011); *Johnson v. BP America, Inc.* No. 12-cv-00417 (RHK/JSM) (D. Minn. 2012).

Not only do the results obtained in the above cases attest to the skill and competence of Chestnut Cambronne lawyers in shareholder litigation, various courts have publicly commended Chestnut Cambronne for its efforts:

Plaintiffs' co-lead counsel have significant experience in representing shareholders and shareholder classes in federal securities actions around the country and in this district in

particular. Counsel-both the lawyers representing lead plaintiffs and defendants-conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. ... Thus, the effort of counsel in efficiently bringing this case to fair, reasonable and adequate resolution is the best indicator of the experience and ability of the attorneys involved, and this factor supports the court's award of 25%.

*In re Xcel Energy, Inc. Sec. Derivative & "ERISA" Litig*, 364 F. Supp. 980, 995 (D. Minn. 2005).

# **Hellmuth & Johnson PLLC – Firm Biography and Resume**



## **Nathan D. Prosser**

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### **Practices**

Class Action Litigation

Commercial Litigation

### **Education**

J.D. University of North Dakota  
School of Law, *with distinction*

B.A. Concordia College (Minn.)

### **Bar Admission**

Minnesota

### **Court Admissions**

U.S. District Court, District of  
Minnesota

U.S. District Court, Eastern  
District of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court, District of  
North Dakota

Nathan D. Prosser is a partner at the law firm of Hellmuth & Johnson PLLC and practices primarily in the areas of data breach, consumer protection, financial services, and antitrust class action litigation. He frequently serves as local counsel in a wide variety of class action matters in federal and state courts. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Prosser practiced law at a nationally recognized boutique class action litigation law firm in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Prosser has successfully represented individuals and small businesses in complex class action litigation throughout the country. He has been recognized by the Minnesota Super Lawyers Rising Star list and is actively involved in the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. In addition to Mr. Prosser's extensive class action litigation experience, he has also consulted and advised attorney clients as to the best practicable notice and due process requirements of Rule 23, as a claims administrator and notice consultant.

### **Recent Representative Cases:**

- *In re Pawn America Consumer Data Breach Litig.*, 21-cv-2554 (D. Minn.) (Data Breach);
- *Thomsen, et al. v. Morley Companies, Inc.*, 22-cv-10271 (E.D. Mich.) (Data Breach);
- *In re Arthur J. Gallagher Data Breach Litig.*, 22-cv-00137 (N.D. Ill.) (Data Breach);
- *Lutz v. Electromed, Inc.*, 21-cv-2198 (D. Minn.) (Data Breach);
- *Tracey et al. v. Elekta, Inc., et al.*, 21-cv-02851 (Data Breach);
- *Taqueria El Primo LLC, et al. v. Farmers Group Inc., et al.*, 19-cv-3071 (D. Minn.) (Consumer);
- *Bechtel et al. v. Fitness Equipment Services, LLC*, 19-cv-0726 (S.D. Ohio) (Consumer);
- *Barclay, et al. v. ICON Health & Fitness*, 19-cv-2970 (D. Minn.) (Consumer);
- *In re Local TV Advertising Antitrust Litig.*, MDL No. 2867 (N.D. Ill.) (Antitrust).

**Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips  
Grossman, PLLC – Firm Biography  
and Resume**





**Gary M. Klinger** is a Partner at Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman PLLC (“Milberg”).<sup>1</sup> At only 37-years old, Mr. Klinger has gained extensive experience serving as leadership in numerous high-profile consumer and privacy class actions. Notably, Mr. Klinger has settled on a class-wide basis more than forty class actions, the majority of which were privacy cases, as lead or co-lead counsel recovering more than a hundred million dollars for consumers in the process. Some of Mr. Klinger’s representative cases include the following:

- *Carrera Aguallo v. Kemper Corp.*, Case No. 1:21-cv-01883 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 27, 2021) (where Mr. Klinger obtained final approval of a class-wide settlement valued at \$17.6 million for a major class action involving more than six million consumers);
- *Heath v. Insurance Technologies Corp.*, No. 21-cv-01444 (N.D. Tex.) (where Mr. Klinger obtained approval of a class-wide settlement for \$11 million);
- *In Re: Procter & Gamble Aerosol Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, 2:22-md-03025-MHW-CMV (N.D. Ohio) (where Mr. Klinger serves as one of the lead attorneys in multi-district litigation against Procter & Gamble and successfully reached a settlement valued over \$10 million);
- *Smid v. Nutranext, LLC*, Case No. 20L0190 (Cir. Ct. St. Clair, County) (class counsel in consumer class action involving heavy metals in prenatal vitamins; final approval granted to \$7M settlement)
- *In re: Herff Jones Data Breach Litigation*, Master File No. 1:21-cv-1329-TWP-DLP (S.D. Ind.) (where Mr. Klinger obtained approval of a class-wide settlement for \$4.35 million);
- *In re: CaptureRx Data Breach Litigation*, No. 5:21-cv-00523-OLG (W.D. Tex.) (where Mr. Klinger obtained approval of a class-wide settlement for \$4.75 million);
- *In re Arthur J. Gallagher Data Breach Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-04056 (N.D. Ill.) (where Mr. Klinger serves as appointed co-lead counsel to represent more than 3 million class members in a major class action).

Mr. Klinger has also successfully litigated class actions through contested class certification. In *Karpilovsky v. All Web Leads, Inc.*, No. 17 C 1307, 2018 WL 3108884, at \*1 (N.D. Ill. June 25, 2018), Mr. Klinger certified, over objection, a nationwide privacy class action involving more than one million class members. *Id.* At the time, it was the largest litigation class ever to be certified for violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. In a nationwide class settlement hearing in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Judge Richard Seeborg personally commended Mr. Klinger for “quite a substantial recovery for class members.” Judge Seeborg further stated he could not recall any class action case where “the amounts going to each class member were as substantial” as that obtained by Mr. Klinger (and his co-counsel).

Mr. Klinger is admitted to practice in the State of Illinois and the following federal courts: The U.S. District Court of Colorado, The U.S. District Court of Central District of Illinois, The U.S.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of Milberg’s Firm Resume is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

District Court of Northern District of Illinois, The U.S. District Court of Southern District of Illinois, The U.S. District Court of Southern District of Indiana, The U.S. District Court of Eastern District of Michigan, The U.S. District Court of District of Nebraska, The U.S. District Court of Eastern District of Texas, and The U.S. District Court of Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Mr. Klinger received his undergraduate degree and juris doctorate (*cum laude*) from the University of Illinois.

Mr. Klinger is presently pursuing his Masters of Laws (LLM) in Data Privacy and Cybersecurity from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law.

Mr. Klinger is also a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

# **EXHIBIT 1**



# Who We Are

Established by members of Milberg Phillips Grossman LLP, Sanders Phillips Grossman LLC, Greg Coleman Law PC, and Whitfield Bryson LLP, the firm represents plaintiffs in the areas of antitrust, securities, financial fraud, consumer protection, automobile emissions claims, defective drugs and devices, environmental litigation, financial and insurance litigation, and cyber law and security.

For over 50 years, Milberg and its affiliates have been protecting victims' rights and have recovered over \$50 billion for our clients. Our attorneys possess a renowned depth of legal expertise, employ the highest ethical and legal standards, and pride ourselves on providing stellar client service. We have repeatedly been recognized as leaders in the plaintiffs' bar and appointed to leadership roles in prominent national mass torts and class actions.

*Milberg challenges corporate wrongdoing through class action, mass tort, consumer, and shareholder rights services, both domestically and globally.*

Milberg's previous litigation efforts helped to create a new era of corporate accountability that put big companies on notice. The strategic combination of four leading plaintiffs' firms offers clients expanded capabilities, greater geographical coverage, enhanced financial breadth, and increased operational capacity. It also enables the firm to serve diverse and global clients who are seeking to enforce their rights against well-financed corporations—wherever they operate.

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# Practice Areas

## **Antitrust & Competition Law**

Today, on a global scale, consolidated corporate entities exercise dominating market power, but proper enforcement of antitrust law ensures a fair, competitive marketplace. Milberg prosecutes complex antitrust class actions against large, well-funded corporate defendants in healthcare, technology, agriculture, and manufacturing. Our leading practitioners successfully represent plaintiffs affected by price-fixing, monopolization, monopoly leveraging tying arrangements, exclusive dealing, and refusals to deal. The firm continues aggressively vindicating rights of plaintiffs victimized by antitrust violations, holding companies accountable for anticompetitive behavior.

## **Complex Litigation**

With 50 years of vetted success, Milberg handles complex, high-stakes cases at any stage of the litigation process. Our attorneys have experience litigating complex cases for business and plaintiffs outside of class action context, business torts, contract disputes, anti-SLAPP motions, corporations, LLCs, partnerships, real estate, and intellectual property. The repeated success of our attorneys against well-funded adversaries with top-tier counsel has established Milberg as the go-to firm for complex litigation.

## **Consumer Products**

Milberg's consumer litigation group focuses on protecting victims of deceptive marketing and advertising of goods and services, or those who have bought defective products. Our attorneys are experienced in handling a wide array of consumer protection lawsuits, including breach of contract, failure to warn, false or deceptive advertising of goods and services, faulty, dangerous, or defective products, warranty claims, unfair trade practices, and notable product cases. Milberg has achieved real-world recoveries for clients, often requiring corporations to change the way they do business. Our team of attorneys has extensive experience representing plaintiffs against well-resourced and sophisticated defendants.

## **Consumer Services**

Consumers have rights, and companies providing consumer services have a legal obligation to abide by contractual agreements made with customers. Companies must also follow state and federal laws that prohibit predatory, deceptive, and unscrupulous business practices. Milberg's Consumer Services litigation group protects consumers whose rights have been violated by improperly charged fees, predatory and discriminatory lending, illegal credit reporting practices, and invasion of privacy. We also enforce consumer rights by upholding The Fair Credit Reporting Act and Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

### **Class Action Lawsuits**

Milberg pioneered federal class action litigation is recognized as a leader in defending the rights of victims of corporate and large-scale wrongdoings. We have the manpower, resources, technology, and experience necessary to provide effective representation in nationwide class action lawsuits. Our attorneys have led class actions resulting in settlements up to billions of dollars across a variety of practice areas, including defective consumer products, pharmaceutical drugs, insurance, securities, antitrust, environmental and toxic torts, consumer protection, and breach of contract.

### **Dangerous Drugs & Devices**

For some patients, medication and medical devices improve their lives. For others, the drugs and equipment have questionable benefits, at best, and serious, unintended side effects at worst. Taking on drug and device makers requires a law firm that can stand up to the world's largest, most powerful companies. Our defective drug lawyers have held leadership roles in many national drug and device litigations, recovering billions of dollars in compensation.

### **Data Breach, Cyber Security & Biometric Data Lawsuits**

Technology changes faster than laws regulate it. Staying ahead of legal technical issues requires a law firm that can see the full picture of innovation and apply past lessons to navigate fast-moving developments, putting consumers ahead of corporate interests. Our data breach and privacy lawyers work at the cutting edge of technology and law, creating meaningful checks and balances against technology and the companies that wield it. Cyber security threats continue evolving and posing new consumer risks. Milberg will be there every step of the way to protect consumer privacy and hold big companies accountable.

### **Environmental and Toxic Torts Litigation**

Litigation is key in fighting to preserve healthy ecosystems and hold environmental lawbreakers accountable. But in today's globalized world, pollutants—and polluters—are not always local. Corporations have expanded their reach and ability to cause harm. Our environmental litigation practice focuses on representing clients in mass torts, class actions, multi-district litigation, regulatory enforcement, citizen suits, and other complex environmental and toxic tort matters. The companies involved in harmful environmental practices are large, wealthy, and globally influential, but as an internationally recognized plaintiffs' firm, Milberg has the strength and resources to present clients seeking to enforce their environmental rights against well-financed corporations—wherever they operation.

### **Finance & Insurance Litigation**

Big banks and public insurance firms are obligated by their corporate charters to put shareholders' interests ahead of client interests. However, that doesn't mean they can deceive clients to profit at their expense. Milberg's attorneys handle hundreds of insurance-related disputes, including first party bad faith insurance cases, business interruption cases, and hurricane insurance cases. As one of the nation's top class action law firms, we are well-positioned to pursue insurance bad faith cases on a statewide or nationwide basis.



### **Public Client Representation**

The ability of governments to serve and protect their residents is often threatened by the combination of lower revenues and rising costs. Budget shortfalls are increasing in part because private companies externalize costs, but while corporate profits grow, public interest pays the price. Effectuating meaningful change through litigation, Milberg partners with state and local governments to address the harms facing its residents. Internationally, Milberg's Public Client Practice has achieved success against global powerhouse corporations, including drug, tobacco, mining, and oil and gas companies.

### **Securities Litigation**

Over 50 years ago, Milberg pioneered litigation claims involving investment products, securities, and the banking industry by using class action lawsuits. Our litigation set the standard for case theories, organization, discovery, methods of settlement, and amounts recovered for clients. Milberg continues to aggressively pursue these cases on behalf of institutional and individual investors harmed by financial wrongdoing. Inventors of securities class actions, Milberg has decades of experience holding companies accountable both in the United States and globally.

### **Whistleblower & Qui Tam**

Blowing the whistle on illegal or unethical conducted is a form of legally protected speech. Milberg's whistleblower attorneys have led actions that returned hundreds of millions of dollars in ill-gotten gains, resulting in significant awards of our clients. Our legacy of standing up to corporate power extends to advocating for greater transparency. In addition to representing whistleblowers, we fight back against corporate-backed laws seeking to deter them from making disclosures.

***“Scoring impressive victories against companies guilty of outrageous behavior.”***

**- Forbes**

***“ A powerhouse that compelled miscreant and recalcitrant businesses to pay billions of dollars to aggrieved shareholders and customers”***

**- New York Times**

## Recent Leadership Roles

In re **Google Play** Consumer Antitrust Litigation, 20-CV-05761 (N.D. Cal.)

In re: **Elmiron** (Pentosan Polysulfate Sodium) Products Liability Litigation MDL No. 2973

In re: **Johnson & Johnson** Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litigation

In re: **Blackbaud** Data Privacy MDL No. 2972

In re: **Paragard** IUD Products Liability Litigation MDL No. 2974

In re: **Seresto** Flea & Tick Collar, Marketing Sales Practices & Product Liability Litigation  
MDL No. 3009, Master Case No. 21-cv-04447

In re: **Zicam**

In re: **Ortho Evra**

In re: **Yaz**

In re: **Kugel Mesh**

In re: **Medtronic Sprint Fidelis Leads**

In re: **Depuy Pinnacle**

In re: **Stand 'N Seal**

In re: **Chantix**

In re: **Fosamax**

In re: **Mirena**

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In re: **Depuy Pinnacle**

In re: **Fluoroquinolones**

In re: **Olmесartan**

In re: **Zimmer Nexgen Knee**

In re: **Fresenius Granuflo**

In re: **Propecia**

In re: **Transvaginal Mesh**

In re: **Guidant Corp.** Implantable Defibrillators

In re: **Onglyza (Saxagliptin) And Kombiglyze XR**

State Court:

In Re **Risperdal & Invega** Product Liability Cases, CA

In Re **Chantix**, NY

In Re **Reglan**, NJ

In Re **Propecia**, NJ

In Re **Levaquin** Litigation, NJ

## Notable Recoveries

**\$3.2 Billion Settlement** – In re **Tyco International Ltd.**, Securities Litigation, MDL 1335 (D.N.H.)

**\$4 Billion Settlement** – In re **Prudential Insurance Co.** Sales Practice Litigation, No. 95-4704 (D.N.J.)

**\$1.14 Billion Settlement** – In re **Nortel Networks Corp.** Securities Litigation, No. 01-1855 (S.D.N.Y.)

**\$1 Billion-plus Trial Verdict** – **Vivendi Universal, S.A.** Securities Litigation

**\$1 Billion Settlement** – **NASDAQ Market-Makers** Antitrust Litigation

**\$1 Billion Settlement** – **W.R. Grace & Co**

**\$1 Billion-plus Settlement** – **Merck & Co., Inc.** Securities Litigation

**\$775 Million Settlement** – **Washington Public Power Supply System** Securities Litigation

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FIRM RESUME

Founded in 1888, Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP is a full service law firm specializing in complex litigation in federal and state courts nationwide. The firm's practice includes litigation, both hourly and contingent, in securities, antitrust, wage & hour, consumer fraud, false marketing, ERISA, and general and commercial matters, whistleblower, false claim, trust & estate, corporate investigation, and white collar matters, and FINRA arbitration. The Firm has a particular specialty in complex class action and other representative litigation – including investor, shareholder, antitrust, ERISA, consumer, employee, and biotechnology matters – under both federal and state law.

Wolf Haldenstein's total practice approach distinguishes it from other firms. Our longstanding tradition of a close attorney/client relationship ensures that each one of our clients receives prompt, individual attention and does not become lost in an institutional bureaucracy. Our team approach is at the very heart of Wolf Haldenstein's practice. All of our lawyers are readily available to all of our clients and to each other. The result of this approach is that we provide our clients with an efficient legal team having the broad perspective, expertise and experience required for any matter at hand. We are thus able to provide our clients with cost effective and thorough counsel focused on our clients' overall goals.

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## THE FIRM

Wolf Haldenstein has been recognized by state and federal courts throughout the country as being highly experienced in complex litigation, particularly with respect to securities, consumer, ERISA, FLSA and state overtime and expense deductions, and antitrust class actions and shareholder rights litigation.

Among its colleagues in the plaintiffs' bar, as well as among its adversaries in the defense bar, Wolf Haldenstein is known for the high ability of its attorneys, and the exceptionally high quality of its written and oral advocacy.

The nature of the Firm's activities in both individual and representative litigation is extremely broad. In addition to a large case load of securities fraud and other investor class actions, Wolf Haldenstein has represented classes of corn and rice farmers in connection with the devaluation of their crops; canned tuna consumers for tuna companies' violations of antitrust laws; merchants compelled to accept certain types of debit cards; insurance policyholders for insurance companies' deceptive sales practices; victims of unlawful strip searches under the civil rights laws; and various cases involving violations of Internet users' on-line privacy rights.

The Firm's experience in class action securities litigation, in particular public shareholder rights under state law and securities fraud claims arising under the federal securities laws and regulations is particularly extensive. The Firm was one of the lead or other primary counsel in securities class action cases that have recouped billions of dollars on behalf of investor classes, in stockholder rights class actions that have resulted in billions of dollars in increased merger consideration to shareholder classes, and in derivative litigation that has recovered billions of dollars for corporations.

Its pioneering efforts in difficult or unusual areas of securities or investor protection laws include: groundbreaking claims that have been successfully brought under the Investment Company Act of 1940 regarding fiduciary responsibilities of investment companies and their advisors toward their shareholders; claims under ERISA involving fiduciary duties of ERISA trustees who are also insiders in possession of adverse information regarding their fund's primary stockholdings; the fiduciary duties of the directors of Delaware corporations in connection with change of control transactions; the early application of the fraud-on-the-market theory to claims against public accounting firms in connection with their audits of publicly traded corporations; and the application of federal securities class certification standards to state law claims often thought to be beyond the reach of class action treatment.





## JUDICIAL COMMENDATIONS

Wolf Haldenstein has repeatedly received favorable judicial recognition. The following representative judicial comments over the past decade indicate the high regard in which the Firm is held:

- *In re Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. Investor Litig.*, No. 650607/2012 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Co.) – On May 2, 2013, Justice O. Peter Sherwood praised the Firm in its role as chair of the committee of co-lead counsel as follows: "It is apparent to me, having presided over this case, that class counsel has performed in an excellent manner, and you have represented your clients quite well. You should be complimented for that." In awarding attorneys' fees, the Court stated that the fee was "intended to reward class counsel handsomely for the very good result achieved for the Class, assumption of the high risk of Plaintiffs prevailing and the efficiency of effort that resulted in the settlement of the case at an early stage without protracted motion practice." May 17, 2013 slip. op. at 5 (citations omitted).
- *Roberts v. Tishman Speyer*, 13 N.Y.3d 270 (N.Y. 2009) – On April 9, 2013, Justice Richard B. Lowe III praised the Firm's efforts as follows: "[W]hen you have challenging cases, the one thing you like to ask for is that the legal representation on both sides rise to that level. Because when you have lawyers who are professionals, who are confident, who are experienced, each of you know that each side has a job to do [. . .] I want to tell you that I am very satisfied with your performance and with your, quite frankly, tenacity on both sides. And it took six years, but look at the history of the litigation. There were two appeals all of the way to the Court of Appeals [. . .] And then look at the results. I mean, there are dissents in the Court of Appeals, so that shows you the complexity of the issues that were presented in this litigation [. . .] [I]t shows you effort that went into this and the professionalism that was exhibited [. . .] So let me just again express my appreciation to both sides."
- *K.J. Egleston L.P. v. Heartland Industrial Partners, et al.*, 2:06-13555 (E.D. Mich.) – where the Firm was Lead Counsel, Judge Rosen, at the June 7, 2010 final approval hearing, praised the Firm for doing "an outstanding job of representing [its] clients," and further commented that "the conduct of all counsel in this case and the result they have achieved for all of the parties confirms that they deserve the national recognition they enjoy."



- *Klein, et al. v. Ryan Beck Holdings, Inc., et al.*, 06-cv-3460 (DAB) (S.D.N.Y. 2010) – where the Firm was Lead Counsel, Judge Deborah A. Batts described the Firm’s successful establishment of a settlement fund as follows: “[a] miracle that there is a settlement fund at all.” Judge Batts continued: “As I said earlier, there is no question that the litigation is complex and of a large and, if you will, *pioneering magnitude* ...” (Emphasis added).
- *Parker Friedland v. Iridium World Communications, Ltd.*, 99-1002 (D.D.C.) – where the Firm was co-lead counsel, Judge Laughrey said (on October 16, 2008), “[a]ll of the attorneys in this case have done an outstanding job, and I really appreciate the quality of work that we had in our chambers as a result of this case.”
- *In re Dynamic Random Access Memory Antitrust Litigation*, MDL-02-1486 (N.D. Cal.) – where the Firm was co-lead counsel, Judge Hamilton said (on August 15, 2007), “I think I can conclude on the basis with my five years with you all, watching this litigation progress and seeing it wind to a conclusion, that the results are exceptional. The percentages, as you have outlined them, do put this [case] in one of the upper categories of results of this kind of [antitrust] class action. I am aware of the complexity . . . I thought that you all did an exceptionally good job of bringing to me only those matters that really required the Court’s attention. You did an exceptionally good job at organizing and managing the case, assisting me in management of the case. There was excellent coordination between all the various different plaintiffs’ counsel with your group and the other groups that are part of this litigation. . . . So my conclusion is the case was well litigated by both sides, well managed as well by both sides.”
- *In re Comdisco Sec. Litigation*, 01 C 2110 (N.D. Ill. July 14, 2005) – Judge Milton Shadur observed: “It has to be said . . . that the efforts that have been extended [by Wolf Haldenstein] on behalf of the plaintiff class in the face of these obstacles have been exemplary. And in my view [Wolf Haldenstein] reflected the kind of professionalism that the critics of class actions . . . are never willing to recognize. . . . I really cannot speak too highly of the services rendered by class counsel in an extraordinary difficult situation.”
- *Good Morning to You Productions Corp. v. Warner/Chappell Music, Inc.*, No. CV 13-04460-GHK (MRWx) (C.D. Cal., Aug. 16, 2016) – Judge George H. King



stated: "Not all, or perhaps even most, plaintiffs' class counsel could have litigated this case as successfully as did class counsel against such a fierce and exceptionally accomplished opponent."

- *Bokelman et al. v. FCH Enterprises, Inc.*, (Case No. 1:18-cv-209, D. Haw., May 3, 2019): Judge Robert J. Bryan said, "I've been impressed by the quality of the work you've done throughout here, and that is reflected, I think, in the fact that no one has objected to the settlement."

#### RECENT NOTEWORTHY RESULTS

Wolf Haldenstein's performance in representative litigation has repeatedly resulted in favorable results for its clients. The Firm has helped recover billions of dollars on behalf of its clients in the cases listed below. Recent examples include the following:

- On May 13, 2019, in *Apple Inc. v. Pepper*, No. 17-204, the Supreme Court affirmed a decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals holding that iPhone purchasers have standing to sue Apple for monopolizing the market for iPhone apps in this longstanding antitrust class action. Wolf Haldenstein has been Lead Counsel for the plaintiffs since 2007. The case was commenced in federal district court in Oakland. The Supreme Court's decision clears the way for the plaintiffs to proceed on the merits of their claim.
- On June 11, 2018, the United States Supreme Court issued a highly anticipated decision in *China Agritech, Inc. v. Michael H. Resh, et al.* Wolf Haldenstein represented the plaintiffs/respondents, having commenced the action on behalf of aggrieved shareholders of *China Agritech* after two prior cases had failed at the class certification stage.
- *In re Genetically Modified Rice Litigation*, MDL 1811 (E.D. Mo.) - Wolf Haldenstein represented U.S. rice farmers in this landmark action against Bayer A.G. and its global affiliates, achieving a global recovery of \$750 million. The case arose from the contamination of the nation's long grain rice crop by Bayer's experimental and unapproved genetically modified Liberty Link rice.
- *Roberts v. Tishman Speyer*, 13 N.Y.3d 270 (N.Y. 2009) - a class action brought on behalf of over 27,500 current and former tenants of New York City's iconic Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village housing complexes. On April 9, 2013, Justice Richard B. Lowe III of the New York Supreme Court finally



approved settlement of the action, which totals over \$173 million, sets aside \$68.75 million in damages, re-regulates the apartments at issue, and sets preferential rents for the units that will save tenants significant monies in the future. The settlement also enables the tenants to retain an estimated \$105 million in rent savings they enjoyed between 2009 and 2012. **The settlement is by many magnitudes the largest tenant settlement in United States history.**

- *In re Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. Investor Litig.*, Index No. 650607/2012 – The firm served as Chair of the Executive Committee of Co-Lead Counsel for the Plaintiffs in a class action settlement finally approved on May 2, 2013 that provides for the establishment of a \$55 million settlement fund for investors, in addition to substantial tax deferral benefits estimated to be in excess of \$100 million.
- *American International Group Consolidated Derivative Litigation*, Civil Action No. 769-VCS (Del. Ch.) The Firm acted as co-lead counsel and the settlement addressed claims alleging that the D&O Defendants breached their fiduciary duties to the Company and otherwise committed wrongdoing to the detriment of AIG in connection with various allegedly fraudulent schemes during the 1999-2005 time period.
- *In re Bank of America Corp. Securities, Derivative, and Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Litigation*, Master File No. 09 MD 2058 (S.D.N.Y.) (firm was co-lead counsel in parallel derivative action pending in Delaware (*In Re Bank of America Stockholder Derivative Litigation*, C.A. No. 4307-CS (Del. Ch.)) (increase of settlement cash recovery from \$20 million to \$62.5 million).
- *The Investment Committee of the Manhattan and Bronx Service Transit Operating Authority Pension Plan v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 1:09-cv-04408-SAS (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered \$150 million).
- *In re Tremont Sec. Law, State Law and Insurance Litig.*, No. 08-civ-11117 (TPG) (SDNY) (class recovered \$100 million). The firm was court-appointed co-lead counsel in the Insurance Action, 08 Civ. 557, and represented a class of persons who purchased or otherwise acquired Variable Universal Life (“VUL”) insurance policies or Deferred Variable Annuity (“DVA”) policies issued by Tremont International Insurance Limited or Argus International Life Bermuda Limited from May 10, 1994 - December 11, 2008 to the extent the investment



accounts of those policies were exposed to the massive Ponzi scheme orchestrated by Bernard L. Madoff through one or more Rye funds.

- *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered \$586 million). Wolf Haldenstein served as Co-Lead Counsel of one of the largest securities fraud cases in history. Despite the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit's decision to vacate the district court's class certification decision, on remand, counsel for plaintiffs were able to press on to a settlement on April 1, 2009, ultimately recovering in excess of a half-billion dollars.





## FIRM PRACTICE AREAS

### CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

Wolf Haldenstein is a leader in class and derivative action litigation and is currently or has been the court-appointed lead counsel, co-lead counsel, or executive committee member in some of the largest and most significant class action and derivative action lawsuits in the United States. For example, the class action *Roberts v. Tishman Speyer*, 13 N.Y.3d 270 (N.Y. 2009) was recently described by a sitting member of the U.S. House of Representatives as the greatest legal victory for tenants in her lifetime. In *Roberts*, the Firm obtained a victory in the New York Court of Appeals requiring the reregulation of thousands of apartment units in the Stuyvesant Town complex in Manhattan, New York. Many of the firm's other successful results are summarized within.

### PRIVATE ACTIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

In addition to its vast class action practice, the Firm also regularly represents institutional clients such as public funds, investment funds, limited partnerships, and qualified institutional buyers in private actions. The Firm has represented institutional clients in non-class federal and state actions concerning a variety of matters, including private placements, disputes with investment advisors, and disputes with corporate management.

The Firm has also acted as special counsel to investors' committees in efforts to assert and advance the investors' interests without resorting to litigation. For example, the Firm served as Counsel to the Courtyard by Marriott Limited Partners Committee for several years in its dealings with Host Marriott Corporation, and as Special Counsel to the Windsor Park Properties 7 and 8 limited partners to insure the fairness of their liquidation transactions.

### ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Wolf Haldenstein is a leader in antitrust and competition litigation. The Firm actively seeks to enforce the federal and state antitrust laws to protect and strengthen the rights and claims of businesses, organizations, Taft-Hartley funds, and consumers throughout the United States. To that end, Wolf Haldenstein commences large, often complex, antitrust and trade regulation class actions and other cases that target some of the most powerful and well-funded corporate interests in the world. Many of these interests exert strong influence over enforcement policy that is in the hands of elected officials, so that private enforcement provides the only true assurance that unfair and



anticompetitive conduct will be duly scrutinized for compliance with the law. These cases frequently bring to light concealed, unlawful behavior such as price fixing, monopolization, market allocation, monopoly leveraging, essential facilities, tying arrangements, vertical restraints, exclusive dealing, and refusals to deal. Wolf Haldenstein's Antitrust Practice Group has successfully prosecuted numerous antitrust cases and aggressively advocates remedies and restitution for businesses and investors wronged by violations of the antitrust laws. For example, in *In re DRAM Antitrust Litigation*, No. 02-cv-1486 (PJH) (N.D. Cal.) the firm successfully prosecuted an antitrust case resulting in a \$315 million recovery. Many of the firm's successful results are summarized within.

Wolf Haldenstein attorneys currently serve as lead counsel, co-lead counsel, or as executive committee members in some of the largest and most significant antitrust class action lawsuits. The firm was most recently appointed lead counsel in the Salmon Antitrust Indirect Litigation pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

#### OVERTIME AND COMPENSATION CLASS ACTIONS

Wolf Haldenstein is a leader class action litigation on behalf of employees who have not been paid overtime or other compensation they are entitled to receive, or have had improper deductions taken from their compensation. These claims under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and state labor laws allege improper failure to pay overtime and other wages, and improper deductions from compensation for various company expenses. Wolf Haldenstein has served as lead or co-lead counsel, or other similar lead role, in some of the most significant overtime class actions pending in the United States, and has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in recovered wages for its clients. For example, in *LaVoice v. Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.*, Case No. C 07-801 (CW) (N.D. Cal.) a \$108 million settlement was secured for the class. Many of the firm's other successful wage and hour results are summarized within.

#### SUBSTANTIAL RECOVERIES IN CLASS ACTION AND DERIVATIVE CASES IN WHICH WOLF HALDENSTEIN WAS LEAD COUNSEL OR HAD ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT ROLE

- *In re Beacon Associates Litigation*, Master File No. 09 Civ. 0777 (LBS) (S.D.N.Y.) (**\$219 million** settlement in this and related action).
- *Roberts v. Tishman Speyer*, No. 100956/2007 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cty.) (**\$173 Million** settlement).



- *In re Mutual Fund Investment Litigation*, MDL No. 1586 (D. Md.) (derivative counsel in consolidated cases against numerous mutual fund companies involved in market timing resulting in class/derivative settlements totaling more than **\$300 million**).
- *Inland Western Securities Litigation*, Case No. 07 C 6174 (N.D. Ill.) (settlement value of shares valued between **\$61.5 million** and **\$90 million**).
- *In re Direxion Shares ETF Trust*, No. 09-Civ-8011 (KBF) (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$8 million**).
- *In re BankAmerica Corp. Securities Litigation*, MDL Docket No. 1264 (JFN) (E.D. Mo.) (class recovered **\$490 million**).
- *In re Dynamic Random Access Memory Antitrust Litigation*, (MD-02 1486 (N.D. Cal.) (class recovered **\$325 million**).
- *In re MicroStrategy, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Civ. No. 00-473-A (E.D. Va.) (class recovered **\$160 million** in cash and securities).
- *Kurzweil v. Philip Morris Cos.*, 94 Civ. 2373, 94 Civ. 2546 (S.D.N.Y.) (securities fraud) (class recovered **\$116.5 million** in cash).
- *In re Starlink Corn Products Liability Litigation*, (N.D. Ill.) (class recovered **\$110 million**).
- *In Computer Associates 2002 Class Action Sec. Litigation*, 2:02-CV-1226 (E.D.N.Y.) (**\$130 million** settlement in this and two related actions).
- *In re Sepracor Inc. Securities Litigation*, Civ. No. 02-12338 (MEL) (D. Mass.) (classes recovered **\$52.5 million**).
- *In re Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., Securities Litigation*, C.A. No. 03-10165-RWZ (D. Mass) (class recovered **\$50 million**).
- *In re Iridium Securities Litigation*, C.A. No. 99-1002 (D.D.C.) (class recovered **\$43 million**).





- *In re J.P. Morgan Chase Securities Litigation*, MDL No. 1783 (N.D. Ill.) (settlement providing for adoption of corporate governance principles relating to potential corporate transactions requiring shareholder approval).
- *LaVoice v. Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.*, Case No. C 07-801 (CW) (N.D. Cal.) (**\$108 million** settlement).
- *Steinberg v. Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.*, Case No. 06-cv-2628 (BEN) (S.D. Cal.) (**\$50 million** settlement).
- *Poole v. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc.*, Case No. CV-06-1657 (D. Or.) (**\$43.5 million** settlement).
- *In re Wachovia Securities, LLC Wage and Hour Litigation*, MDL No. 07-1807 DOC (C.D. Cal.) (**\$39 million** settlement).
- *In re Wachovia Securities, LLC Wage and Hour Litigation (Prudential)*, MDL No. 07-1807 DOC (C.D. Cal.) (**\$11 million** settlement).
- *Basile v. A.G. Edwards, Inc.*, 08-CV-00338-JAH-RBB (S.D. Cal.) (**\$12 million** settlement).
- *Miguel Garcia, et al. v. Lowe's Home Center, Inc. et al.* – Case No. GIC 841120 (Barton) (Cal. Sup. Ct, San Diego) (co-lead, **\$1.65 million** settlement w/ average class member recovery of \$5,500, attorney fees and cost awarded separately).
- *Neil Weinstein, et al. v. MetLife, Inc., et al.* – Case No. 3:06-cv-04444-SI (N.D.Cal) (co-lead, **\$7.4 million** settlement).
- *Creighton v. Oppenheimer*, Index No. 1:06 - cv - 04607 - BSJ - DCF (S.D.N.Y.) (**\$2.3 million** settlement).
- *Klein v. Ryan Beck*, 06-CV-3460 (DAB)(S.D.N.Y.) (**\$1.3 million** settlement).
- *In re American Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, Consolidated C.A. No. 1823-N (Del. Ch. Ct.) (**\$14.3 million** settlement).
- *Egleston v. Collins and Aikman Corp.*, 06-cv-13555 (E.D. Mich.) (class recovered **\$12 million**).



- *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Global Technology Fund Securities Litigation*, 02 CV 7854 (JFK) (SDNY); and *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Focus Twenty Fund Securities Litigation*, 02 CV 10221 (JFK) (SDNY) (class recovered **\$39 million** in combined cases).
- *In re CNL Hotels & Resorts, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 6:04-cv-1231 (Orl-31) (class recovered **\$35 million**, and lawsuit also instrumental in **\$225 million** benefit to corporation).
- *In re Cablevision Systems Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Master File No. 06-CV-4130-DGT-AKT (**\$34.4 million** recovery).
- *In re Monster Worldwide, Inc. Stock Option Derivative Litigation*, Master File No. 06cv4622 (S.D.N.Y.) (**\$32 million** recovery and corporate governance reforms).
- *Berger v. Compaq Computer Corp.*, Docket No. 98-1148 (S.D. Tex.) (class recovered **\$29 million**).
- *In re Arakis Energy Corporation Securities Litigation*, 95 CV 3431 (E.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$24 million**).
- *In re E.W. Blanche Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Civ. No. 01-258 (D. Minn.) (class recovered **\$20 million**).
- *In re Globalstar Securities Litigation*, Case No. 01-CV-1748 (SHS) (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$20 million**).
- *In re Luxottica Group S.p.A. Securities Litigation*, No. CV 01-3285 (E.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$18.25 million**).
- *In re Musicmaker.com Securities Litigation*, CV-00-2018 (C.D. Cal.) (class recovered **\$13.75 million**).
- *In re Comdisco Securities Litigation*, No. 01 C 2110 (MIS) (N.D. Ill.) (class recovered **\$13.75 million**).
- *In re Acclaim Entertainment, Inc., Securities Litigation*, C.A. No. 03-CV-1270 (E.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$13.65 million**).



- *In re Concord EFS, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 02-2097 (MA) (W.D. Tenn) (class recovered **\$13.25 million**).
- *In re Bausch & Lomb, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 01 Civ. 6190 (CJS) (W.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$12.5 million**).
- *In re Allaire Corp. Securities Litigation*, 00-11972 (D. Mass.) (class recovered **\$12 million**).
- *Bamboo Partners LLC v. Robert Mondavi Corp.*, No. 26-27170 (Cal. Sup. Ct.) (class recovered **\$10.8 million**).
- *Curative Health Services Securities Litigation*, 99-2074 (E.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$10.5 million**).
- *City Partnership Co. v. Jones Intercable*, 99 WM-1051 (D. Colo.) (class recovered **\$10.5 million**).
- *In re Aquila, Inc.*, (ERISA Litigation), 04-865 (W.D. Mo.) (**\$10.5 million** recovery for the class).
- *In re Tenfold Corporation Securities Litigation*, 2:00-CV-652 (D. Utah) (class recovered **\$5.9 million**).
- *In re Industrial Gas Antitrust Litigation*, 80 C 3479 and related cases (N.D. Ill.) (class recovered **\$50 million**).
- *In re Chor-Alkalai and Caustic Soda Antitrust Litigation*, 86-5428 and related cases (E.D. Pa.) (class recovered **\$55 million**).
- *In re Infant Formula Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 878 (N.D. Fla.) (class recovered **\$126 million**).
- *In re Brand Name Prescription Drugs Antitrust Litigation*, No. 1:94-cv-00897, M.D.L. 997 (N.D. Ill.) (class recovered **\$715 million**).
- *Landon v. Freel*, M.D.L. No. 592 (S.D. Tex.) (class recovered **\$12 million**).
- *Holloway v. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.*, No. 84 C 814 EU (N.D. Okla.) (class recovered **\$38 million**).



- *In re The Chubb Corp. Drought Insurance Litigation*, C-1-88-644 (S.D. Ohio) (class recovered **\$100 million**).
- *Wong v. Megafoods*, Civ-94-1702 (D. Ariz.) (securities fraud) (class recovered **\$12.25 million**).
- *In re Del Val Financial Corp. Securities Litigation*, 92 Civ 4854 (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$11.5 million**).
- *In re Home Shopping Network Shareholders Litigation*, Consolidated Civil Action No. 12868, (Del. Ch. 1995) (class recovered **\$13 million**).
- *In re Paine Webber Limited Partnerships Litigation*, 94 Civ 8547 (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$200 million**).
- *In re Bristol-Meyers Squibb Co. Securities Litigation*, 92 Civ 4007 (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$19 million**).
- *In re Spectrum Information Technologies Securities Litigation*, CV 93-2245 (E.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$13 million**).
- *In re Chase Manhattan Securities Litigation*, 90 Civ. 6092 (LJF) (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$17.5 million**).
- *Prostic v. Xerox Corp.*, No. B-90-113 (EBB) (D. Conn.) (class recovered **\$9 million**).
- *Steiner v. Hercules*, Civil Action No. 90-442-RRM (D. Del.) (class recovered **\$18 million**).
- *In re Ambase Securities Litigation*, 90 Civ 2011 (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$14.6 million**).
- *In re Southmark Securities Litigation*, CA No. 3-89-1402-D (N.D. Tex.) (class recovered **\$70 million**).
- *Steiner v. Ideal Basic Industries, Inc.*, No. 86-M 456 (D. Colo. 1989) (securities fraud) (class recovered **\$18 million**).
- *Tucson Electric Power Derivative Litigation*, 2:89 Civ. 01274 TUC. ACM (corporation recovered **\$30 million**).



- *Alleco Stockholders Litigation*, (Md. Cir. Ct. Pr. Georges County) (class recovered **\$16 million**).
- *In re Revlon Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, No. 8362 (Del. Ch.) (class recovered **\$30 million**).
- *In re Taft Broadcasting Company Shareholders Litigation*, No. 8897 (Del. Ch.) (class recovered **\$20 million**).
- *In re Southland Corp. Securities Litigation*, No. 87-8834-K (N.D.Tex.) (class recovered **\$20 million**).
- *In re Crocker Bank Securities Litigation*, CA No. 7405 (Del. Ch.) (class recovered **\$30 million**).
- *In re Warner Communications Securities Litigation*, No. 82 Civ. 8288 (JFK) (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovered **\$17.5 million**).
- *Joseph v. Shell Oil*, CA No. 7450 (Del. Ch.) (securities fraud) (class recovered **\$200 million**).
- *In re Flight Transportation Corp. Securities Litigation*, Master Docket No. 4-82-874, MDL No. 517 (D. Minn.) (recovery of over **\$50 million**).
- *In re Whittaker Corporation Securities Litigation*, CA000817 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles County) (class recovered **\$18 million**).
- *Naevus International, Inc. v. AT&T Corp.*, C.A. No. 602191/99 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) (consumer fraud) (class recovered **\$40 million**).
- *Sewell v. Sprint PCS Limited Partnership*, C.A. No. 97-188027/CC 3879 (Cir. Ct. for Baltimore City) (consumer fraud) (class recovered **\$45.2 million**).
- *In re Vytarin/Zetia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, 2:08-cv-285 (D.N.J.) (class recovered **\$41.5 million**).
- *Egleston v. Verizon*, No. 104784/2011 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) – Wolf Haldenstein represented a class of New York Verizon Centrex customers in an action against Verizon stemming from overbilling of certain charges. The Firm secured a settlement with a total value to the Class of over **\$5 million**, which



provided, among other things, each class member with full refunds of certain disputed charges, plus interest.

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A highly experienced securities class action and shareholder rights litigator, Mr. Rifkin has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for victims of corporate fraud and abuse in federal and state litigation across the country. Since 1990, Mr. Rifkin has served as lead counsel, co-lead counsel, or trial counsel in many class and derivative actions in securities, intellectual property, antitrust, insurance, consumer and mass tort litigation throughout the country.

Unique among his peers in the class action practice, Mr. Rifkin has extensive trial experience. Over the past thirty years, Mr. Rifkin has tried many complex commercial actions in federal and state courts across the country in class and derivative actions, including *In re National Media Corp. Derivative Litig.*, C.A. 90-7574 (E.D. Pa.), *Upp v. Mellon Bank, N.A.*, C.A. No. 91-5229 (E.D. Pa.), where the verdict awarded more than \$60 million in damages to the Class (later reversed on appeal, 997 F.2d 1039 (3d Cir. 1993)), and *In re AST Research Securities Litigation*, No. 94-1370 SVW (C.D. Cal.), as well as a number of commercial matters for individual clients, including *Zelouf Int'l Corp. v. Zelouf*, Index No. 653652/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2015), in which he obtained a \$10 million judgment for his client.

Mr. Rifkin also has extensive appellate experience. Over thirty years, Mr. Rifkin has argued dozens of appeals on behalf of appellants and appellees in several federal appellate courts, and in the highest appellate courts in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.





Mr. Rifkin has earned the AV®-Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell® for more than 20 years, and has been selected for inclusion in the New York Metro SuperLawyers® listing since 2010. In 2014, Mr. Rifkin was named a “Titan of the Plaintiff’s Bar” by Law360®.

In 2015, Mr. Rifkin received worldwide acclaim for his role as lead counsel for the class in *Good Morning To You Productions Corp. v. Warner/Chappell Music, Inc.*, No. CV 13-04460-GHK (MRWx), in federal court in Los Angeles, successfully challenging the copyright to “Happy Birthday to You,” the world’s most famous song. In recognition of his historic victory, Mr. Rifkin was named a Trailblazer in Intellectual Property by the National Law Journal in 2016. In 2018, Mr. Rifkin led a team of lawyers from Wolf Haldenstein who represented the plaintiffs in *We Shall Overcome Foundation, et al. v. The Richmond Organization, Inc., et al.*, No. 16-cv-02725-DLC (S.D.N.Y.), which successfully challenged the copyright to “We Shall Overcome,” called the “most powerful song of the 20th century” by the Librarian of Congress.

Mr. Rifkin lectures frequently to business and professional organizations on a variety of securities, shareholder, intellectual property, and corporate governance matters. Mr. Rifkin is a guest lecturer to graduate and undergraduate economics and finance students on corporate governance and financial disclosure topics. He also serves as a moot court judge for the A.B.A. and New York University Law School. Mr. Rifkin appears frequently in print and broadcast media on diverse law-related topics in corporate, securities, intellectual property, antitrust, regulatory, and enforcement matters.

**BETSY C. MANIFOLD:** *admitted:* Wisconsin; New York; California; U.S. District Courts for the Western District of Wisconsin, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, and Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California. *Education:* Elmira College; Middlebury College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1980); Marquette University (J.D., 1986); New York University. Thomas More Scholar. Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award in Agency. Member: The Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Languages: French.

Ms. Manifold served as co-lead counsel in the following cases to recovery on behalf of employees: *Miguel Garcia, et al. v. Lowe’s Home Center, Inc. et al.* – Case No. GIC 841120 (Barton) (Cal. Sup. Ct, San Diego) (\$1.65 million settlement w/ average class member recovery of \$5,500, attorney fees and cost awarded separately) and *Neil Weinstein, et al.*



*v. MetLife, Inc., et al.* – Case No. 3:06-cv-04444-SI (N.D. Cal) (\$7.4 million settlement). Ms. Manifold also served as co-lead counsel in the following derivative actions: *In re Atmel Corporation Derivative Litigation*, Master File No. CV 06-4592-JF (N.D. Cal.) (\$9.65 million payment to Atmel) and *In re Silicon Storage Technology Inc. Derivative Litig.*, Case No. C 06-04310 JF (N.D. Cal.) (cash payment and re-pricing of options with a total value of \$5.45 million). Ms. Manifold also worked as lead counsel on the following class action: *Lewis v. American Spectrum Realty*, Case No. 01 CC 00394, Cal. Sup. Ct (Orange County) (\$6.5 million settlement).

**BENJAMIN Y. KAUFMAN:** *admitted:* New York, United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Southern, Northern and Eastern Districts of New York, District of New Jersey; and District of Colorado. *Education:* Yeshiva University, B.A.; Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, J.D; New York University, Stern School of Business, M.B.A. Mr. Kaufman focuses on class actions on behalf of defrauded shareholders, investors, and consumers. Mr. Kaufman has extensive experience in complex class actions representing clients including institutional investors such as public and labor pension funds, labor health and welfare benefit funds, as well as private individuals and funds who suffered losses due to corporate fraud. Mr. Kaufman also has extensive experience litigating complex commercial cases in state and federal court.

Mr. Kaufman's successful securities litigations include *In re Deutsche Telekom AG Securities Litigation*, No. 00-9475 (S.D.N.Y.), a complex international securities litigation requiring evidentiary discovery in both the United States and Europe, which settled for \$120 million. Mr. Kaufman was also part of the team that recovered \$46 million for investors in *In re Asia Pulp & Paper Securities Litigation*, No. 01-7351 (S.D.N.Y.); and \$43.1 million in *Freeland v. Iridium World Communications, Ltd.*, No. 99-1002 (D.D.C.).

Mr. Kaufman's outstanding representative results in derivative and transactional litigations include: *In re Trump Hotels Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 96-cv-7820 (S.D.N.Y.) (in settlement Trump personally contributed some of his holdings and the company adopted corporate reforms); *Southwest Airlines Derivative Litigation (Carbon County Employee Retirement System v. Kelly)* (Dist. Ct. Dallas Cnty., Tex.) (derivative matter that resulted in significant reforms to the air carrier's corporate governance and safety and maintenance practices and procedures for the benefit of the company and its shareholders); *Lynn v. Tennessee Commerce Bancorp, Inc., et al.*, No. 3:12-cv-01137 (M.D. Tenn.) (\$2.6 million settlement); *In re ClubCorp Holdings Shareholder Litigation*, No. A-17-758912-B (D. Nev.) (\$5 million settlement and corporate therapeutics). Mr. Kaufman



also argued the appeal in *In re Converse Technology, Inc. Derivative Litig.*, 56 A.D.3d 49 (1st Dep't 2008) which led to the seminal New York Appellate Division opinion clarifying the standards of demand futility in New York and *In re Topps Company, Inc. Shareholders Litigation* which resulted in a 2007 decision vindicating the rights of shareholders to pursue claims in the most relevant forum notwithstanding the state of incorporation. Mr. Kaufman has also lectured and taught in the subjects of corporate governance as well as transactional and derivative litigation.

In addition, Mr. Kaufman has represented many corporate clients in complex commercial matters, including complex copyright royalty class actions against music companies. *Puckett v. Sony Music Entertainment*, No. 108802/98 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. ); *Shropshire v. Sony Music Entertainment*, No. 06-3252 (S.D.N.Y.), and *The Youngbloods v. BMG Music*, No. 07-2394 (S.D.N.Y.). In *Mich II Holdings LLC v. Schron*, No. 600736/10 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty.), Mr. Kaufman represented certain prominent real estate investors and successfully moved to dismiss all claims against those defendants. Mr. Kaufman has also represented clients in arbitrations and litigations involving oppressed minority shareholders in closely held corporations.

Currently, Mr. Kaufman represents clients in a wide array of matters, including shareholders of a large cooperative complex alleging breach of fiduciary duty by the board of directors and property manager; purchasers of New York City taxi medallions in a class action pending in New York Supreme Court, Queens County; a New York art gallery in an action against several European insurers over insurance coverage for paintings seized while on exhibit; and shareholders of Saks, Inc. alleging that the board of directors and its investment advisor sold the company for inadequate consideration. *Cohen v. Saks*, 169 A.D.3d 51 (1st Dep't 2019).

Prior to joining Wolf Haldenstein, and prior to joining Milberg LLP in 1998, Mr. Kaufman was a Court Attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, New York County (1988-1990) and Principal Law Clerk to Justice Herman Cahn of the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County (1990-1998).

Mr. Kaufman is an active member of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists and the Jewish Lawyers Guild in which he serves as a Vice President. Mr. Kaufman was the Dinner Chair at the Jewish Lawyers Guild Annual Dinner in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Mr. Kaufman is a member of the Board of Trustees of Congregation



Beth Sholom in Lawrence, NY and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaways from 2015-2019.

Mr. Kaufman has been recognized by SuperLawyers® each year since 2012.

**THOMAS H. BURT:** *admitted:* New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Eastern District of Michigan. *Education:* American University (B.A. 1993); New York University (J.D. 1997). Articles Editor with New York University Review of Law and Social Change. Mr. Burt is a litigator with a practice concentrated in securities class actions and complex commercial litigation. After practicing criminal defense with noted defense lawyer Jack T. Litman for three years, he joined Wolf Haldenstein, where he has worked on such notable cases as *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y.) (a novel and sweeping amalgamation of over 300 class actions which resulted in a recovery of \$586 million); *In re MicroStrategy Securities Litigation*, No. 00-473-A (E.D. Va.) (recovery of \$192 million); *In re DRAM Antitrust Litigation*, No. 02-cv-1486 (PJH) (N.D. Cal.) (antitrust case resulting in \$315 million recovery); *In re Computer Associates 2002 Class Action Securities Litigation*, No. 02-cv-1226 (TCP) (E.D.N.Y.) (settled, together with a related fraud case, for over \$133 million); *K.J. Egleston L.P. v. Heartland Industrial Partners, et al.*, 2:06-13555 (E.D. Mich.) (recovery included personal assets from former Reagan Administration budget director David A. Stockman); and *Parker Friedland v. Iridium World Communications, Ltd.*, 99-1002 (D.D.C.) (recovery of \$43.1 million). Mr. Burt has spoken on several occasions to investor and activist groups regarding the intersection of litigation and corporate social responsibility. Mr. Burt writes and speaks on both securities and antitrust litigation topics. He has served as a board member and officer of the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, New York's oldest charity.

**RACHELE R. BYRD:** *admitted:* California; U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Northern, Central and Eastern Districts of California, the Northern District of Illinois, and the Eastern District of Michigan; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court. *Education:* Point Loma Nazarene College (B.A., 1994); University of California, Hastings College of the Law (J.D. 1997). Member: State Bar of California. Ms. Byrd is located in the firm's San Diego office and practices corporate derivative and class action litigation including securities, consumer, privacy and security, antitrust, employment and general corporate and business litigation. Ms. Byrd has played a significant role in litigating numerous class and derivative actions, including *Engquist v. City of Los Angeles*, No. BC591331 (Los Angeles Super. Ct.) (gas tax refund action that recently settled for \$32.5 million and injunctive relief, valued at a minimum of \$24.5





million over 3 years and \$81.8 million over 10 years, following certification of the class and on the eve of a hearing on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment); *Ardon v. City of Los Angeles*, 52 Cal.4th 241 (2011) (telephone tax refund action against the City of Los Angeles that settled for \$92.5 million after a successful appeal and a groundbreaking opinion from the California Supreme Court); *McWilliams v. City of Long Beach*, Cal. Supreme Ct. No. S202037, 2013 Cal. LEXIS 3510 (April 25, 2013) (telephone tax refund action that settled for \$16.6 million after a successful appeal and another groundbreaking opinion from the California Supreme Court); *Granados v. County of Los Angeles*, BC361470 (Los Angeles Super. Ct.) (telephone tax refund action that settled for \$16.9 million following class certification and a successful appeal); *In re: Zoom Video Communications, Inc. Privacy Litigation*, No. 5:20-cv-0291 (N.D. Cal.) (member of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee; settled for \$85 million); *In re Robinhood Outage Litigation*, No. 20-cv-01626-JD (N.D. Cal.) (member of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee); *In re Apple iPhone Antitrust Litigation*, No. 4:11-cv-06714-YGR (N.D. Cal.) (ongoing antitrust class action on behalf of consumers against Apple over its monopolization of the iOS applications aftermarket that secured a favorable opinion in the U.S. Supreme Court: *Apple Inc. v. Pepper*, 139 S. Ct. 1514 (2019)); *Defrees v. Kirkland, et al.*, 11-04272 (JLS) (C.D. Cal.) (\$12.2 million settlement reached in derivative action on the eve of trial); *Bokelman et al. v. FCH Enterprises, Inc.*, No. 18-00209-RJB-RLP (D. Haw.) (settled data breach class action; final approval granted May 3, 2019); *Carrera Aguallo, et al. v. Kemper Corp., et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-01883 (N.D. Ill.) (settled data breach class action where Ms. Byrd was Interim Co-Lead Counsel; final approval granted March 18, 2022); *In re: Scripps Health Data Incident Litigation*, San Diego Super. Ct. No. 37-2021-00024103-CU-BT-CTL (ongoing data breach class action where Wolf Haldenstein is co-lead counsel); *Hinds v. Community Medical Centers, Inc.*, No. STK-CV-UNPI-2021-10404 (San Joaquin Super. Ct.) (ongoing data breach class action where Wolf Haldenstein is co-lead counsel); *Christofferson v. Creation Entertainment, Inc.*, No. 19STCV11000 (Los Angeles Super. Ct.) (settled data breach class action; final approval granted on June 29, 2021); *In re: Hanna Andersson and salesforce.com Data Breach Litig.*, No. 3:20-cv-00812-EMC (N.D. Cal.) (settled data breach class action; final approval granted on June 25, 2021); *Gaston v. FabFitFun, Inc.*, No. 2:20-cv-09534-RGK-E (C.D. Cal.) (settled data breach class action; final approval granted on December 6, 2021); *Rossi v. Claire's Stores*, No. 1:20-cv-05090 (N.D. Ill.) (settled data breach class action; preliminary approval granted March 28, 2022); *Riggs v. Kroto, Inc., D/B/A/ iCanvas*, No. 1:20-cv-5822 (N.D. Ill.) (settled data breach class action; final approval granted on October 29, 2021); *Thomas v. San Diego Family Care*, San Diego Super. Ct. No. 37-2021-00026758-CU-BT-CTL (settled data breach class action; preliminary approval granted April 13, 2022); *Miller v. CSI Financial, LLC*, No. 37-



2021-00030263-CU-BT-CT (San Diego Super. Ct.) (recently settled data breach class action); *Fields v. The Regents of the University of California*, Alameda Superior Court No. RG21107152 (ongoing data breach class action); *In re Arthur J. Gallagher Data Breach Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-04056 (N.D. Ill.) (ongoing); *In re: CaptureRx Data Breach Litigation*, No. 5:21-cv-00523-OLG (W.D. Tex.) (settled data breach class action; preliminary approval granted March 3, 2022).

**MATTHEW M. GUINEY:** *admitted:* New York State; United States Supreme Court; United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third and Ninth Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern District of New York and numerous others. *Education:* The College of William & Mary (B.A. in Government and Economics 1998); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D. 2002). Mr. Guiney's primary areas of practice are securities class actions under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Exchange Act of 1934, complex commercial litigation, Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) actions on behalf of plan participants, Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 actions concerning overtime payment, and fiduciary duty actions under various state laws. Mr. Guiney has helped recover hundreds of millions of dollars for victims of corporate fraud and abuse in federal and state litigation across the country. Mr. Guiney was on the merits briefs at the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the plaintiffs/respondents in *Apple Inc. v. Pepper*, No. 17-204, 587 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2019) where the Court affirmed plaintiffs' antitrust standing under *Illinois Brick*. Mr. Guiney also represented plaintiffs/respondents at the United States Supreme Court in *China Agritech v. Resh*, 584 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2018), where the Court addressed tolling in the class action context. Mr. Guiney also initially served as counsel of record and briefed opposition to petition for writ of certiorari, and argued and achieved a precedential reversal of motion to dismiss in a published opinion at the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *Resh v. China Agritech*, No. 15-5543, 2017 U.S. App. LEXIS 9029 (9th Cir. May 24, 2017).

Some of Mr. Guiney's notable results on behalf of investors include: *Mallozzi v. Industrial Enterprises of America, Inc., et al.*, 1:07-cv-10321-DLC (S.D.N.Y.) (\$3.4 million settlement on behalf of shareholders); *In re Luxottica Group S.p.A. Securities Litigation*, No. CV 01-3285 (JBW) (MDG) (E.D.N.Y.) (\$18.5 million settlement on behalf of shareholders); *In re MBNA Corp. ERISA Litigation*, Master Docket No. 05-429 (GMS), (D. Del.) (\$4.5 million settlement on behalf of plan participants).

**MALCOLM T. BROWN:** *admitted:* United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, District of New Jersey and Eastern District of



Pennsylvania; United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. **Education:** University of Pennsylvania (B.A., Political Science 1988) and Rutgers University School of Law (J.D. 1994). Mr. Brown's primary areas of practice are securities, derivative, M&A litigation and consumer class actions. Recent notable decisions include: *Johnson v. Ford Motor Co.*, 309 F.R.D. 226 (S.D. W. Va. 2015); *Thomas v. Ford Motor Co.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 43268 (D.S.C. Mar. 31, 2014); *In re Merkin Sec. Litig.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 178084 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 24, 2015). Prior to joining Wolf Haldenstein, Mr. Brown was a business litigation attorney who represented financial institutions, corporations and partnerships and advised clients on business disputes, reorganizations, dissolutions and insurance coverage matters. Notable decisions include: *Garment v. Zoeller*, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20736 (S.D.N.Y. June 19, 2001), *aff'd* 2002 U.S. App. LEXIS 9966 (2d Cir. May 24, 2002); *Bainton v. Baran*, 731 N.Y.S.2d 161 (1st Dep't 2001).

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**JUSTICE HERMAN CAHN:** *admitted:* New York. **Education:** Harvard Law School and a B.A. from City College of the City University of New York. Justice Herman Cahn was first elected as Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York in 1976. He subsequently served as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court from 1980 until 1992, when he was elected to the Supreme Court. Throughout his decades on the bench, he principally handled civil cases, with the exception of 1981 until 1987, when he presided over criminal matters. Justice Cahn was instrumental in the creation of, and a founding Justice in, the Commercial Division within the New York State Supreme Court. He served as a Justice of the Commercial Division from its inception in 1993.

Among his most notable recent cases are the consolidated cases stemming from the Bear Stearns merger with JP Morgan (*In re Bear Stearns Litigation*); litigation regarding the America's Cup Yacht Race (*Golden Gate Yacht Club v. Société Nautique de Genève*); litigation stemming from the attempt to enjoin the construction of the new Yankee Stadium (*Save Our Parks v. City of New York*); and the consolidated state cases regarding the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site (*World Trade Center Properties v. Alliance Insurance*; *Port Authority v. Alliance Insurance*).

Justice Cahn is a member of the Council on Judicial Administration of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He has also recently been appointed to the Character and Fitness Committee of the Appellate Division, First Department. He is on the Register of Mediators for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.



Before ascending the bench, Justice Cahn practiced law in Manhattan. He was first admitted to the New York bar in 1956. He is admitted to practice in numerous courts, including the New York State courts, the Southern District of New York and the United States Supreme Court.

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**DANIEL W. KRASNER:** *admitted:* New York; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Central District of Illinois, and Northern District of Michigan. *Education:* Yale Law School (LL.B., 1965); Yeshiva College (B.A., 1962). Mr. Krasner is of counsel at Wolf Haldenstein. He began practicing law with Abraham L. Pomerantz, generally credited as the "Dean of the Class Action Bar." He founded the Class Litigation Group at Wolf Haldenstein in 1976.

Mr. Krasner received judicial praise for his class action acumen as early as 1978. *See, e.g., Shapiro v. Consolidated Edison Co.*, [1978 Transfer Binder] Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) & 96,364 at 93,252 (S.D.N.Y. 1978) ("in the Court's opinion the reputation, skill and expertise of . . . [Mr.] Krasner, considerably enhanced the probability of obtaining as large a cash settlement as was obtained"); *Steiner v. BOC Financial Corp.*, [1980 Transfer Binder] Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) & 97,656, at 98,491.4, (S.D.N.Y. 1980) ("This Court has previously recognized the high quality of work of plaintiffs' lead counsel, Mr. Krasner"). The New York Law Journal referred to Mr. Krasner as one of the "top rank plaintiffs' counsel" in the securities and class action fields. In connection with a failed 1989 management buyout of United Airlines, Mr. Krasner testified before Congress.

More recently, Mr. Krasner has been one of the lead attorneys for plaintiffs in some of the leading Federal multidistrict cases in the United States, including the IPO Litigation in the Southern District of New York, the Mutual Fund Market Timing Litigation in the District of Maryland, and several Madoff-related litigations pending in the Southern District of New York. Mr. Krasner has also been lead attorney in several precedent-setting shareholder actions in Delaware Chancery Court and the New York Court of Appeals, including *American International Group, Inc. v. Greenberg*, 965 A.2d 763 (Del. Ch. 2009) and the companion certified appeal, *Kirschner v. KPMG LLP*, Nos. 151, 152, 2010 N.Y. LEXIS 2959 (N.Y. Oct. 21, 2010); *Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and City of New Orleans Employees' Retirement System, derivatively on behalf of nominal defendant American International Group, Inc., v. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*, No. 152 (New York, October 21, 2010); *In re CNX Gas Corp. S'holders Litig.*, C.A. No. 5377-VCL, 2010 Del. Ch.





LEXIS 119 (Del. Ch., May 25, 2010); *In re CNX Gas Corp. S'holders Litig.*, C.A. No. 5377-VCL, 2010 Del. Ch. LEXIS 139, (Del. Ch. July 5, 2010), appeal refused, 2010 Del. LEXIS 324, 2010 WL 2690402 (Del. 2010).

Mr. Krasner has lectured at the Practicing Law Institute; Rutgers Graduate School of Business; Federal Bar Council; Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Rockland County, New York State, and American Bar Associations; Federal Bar Council, and before numerous other bar, industry, and investor groups.

**PETER C. HARRAR:** *admitted;* New York; United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. *Education:* Columbia Law School (J.D. 1984); Princeton University, Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*. Mr. Harrar is of counsel at the firm and has extensive experience in complex securities and commercial litigation on behalf of individual and institutional clients.

He has represented investment funds, hedge funds, insurance companies and other institutional investors in a variety of individual actions, class actions and disputes involving mortgage-backed securities and derivative instruments. Examples include *In re EMAC Securities Litigation*, a fraud case concerning private placements of securitized loan pools, and *Steed Finance LDC v. LASER Advisors, Inc.*, a hybrid individual and class action concerning the mispricing of swaptions.

Over the years, Mr. Harrar has also served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous securities class and derivative actions throughout the country, recovering hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of aggrieved investors and corporations. Recent examples are some of the largest recoveries achieved in resolution of derivative actions, including *American International Group Consolidated Derivative Litigation* (\$90 million), and *Bank of America/Merrill Derivative Litigation* (\$62.5 million).

**JEFFREY G. SMITH:** *admitted:* New York; California; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Circuits; U.S. Tax Court; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California and the Districts of Colorado and Nebraska. *Education:* Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (M.P.A., 1977); Yale Law School (J.D., 1978); Vassar College (A.B., *cum laude generalis*, 1974). At Yale Law School, Mr. Smith was a teaching assistant for the Trial Practice course and a student supervisor in the Legal Services Organization, a clinical program. Member: The Association of the



Bar of the City of New York; New York State and American (Section on Litigation) Bar Associations; State Bar of California (Member: Litigation Section); American Association for Justice. Mr. Smith has frequently lectured on corporate governance issues to professional groups of Fund trustees and investment advisors as well as to graduate and undergraduate business student groups, and has regularly served as a moot court judge for the A.B.A. and at New York University Law School. Mr. Smith has substantial experience in complex civil litigation, including class and derivative actions, tender offer, merger, and takeover litigation. Mr. Smith is rated "AV" by Martindale Hubble and, since its inception in 2006, has been selected as among the top 5% of attorneys in the New York City metropolitan area chosen to be included in the Super Lawyers Magazine.

**ROBERT ALTCHILER:** *Education:* State University of New York at Albany (B.S., Finance/Marketing, 1985); The George Washington University (JD, 1988).

Robert's practice focuses primarily in the areas of White Collar criminal investigations, corporate investigations, entertainment, litigation, and general corporate counseling. Robert's diverse practice had developed as a result of his extensive international business contacts and relationships in the entertainment world, in the United States and the United Kingdom. Robert had successfully defended cases and resolved matters spanning the most complex entertainment controversies, to virtually any imaginable complex criminal or corporate matter.

Robert has successfully defended individuals and corporations in a wide array of multifaceted investigations in areas such as mortgage fraud, securities fraud, tax fraud, prevailing wage, money laundering, Bank Secrecy Act, embezzlement, bank and wire fraud, theft of trade secrets, criminal copyright infringement, criminal anti-counterfeiting, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), International Traffic In Arms Regulations (ITAR), racketeering, continuing criminal enterprises, and circumvention of trade restrictions, among many others. Robert also specializes in non-criminal investigations relating to various topics, including finding money allegedly being hidden by individuals, ascertaining the identities of individuals actually involved in corporate matters (when a client believes those identities are being concealed), and running undercover "sting" operations as part of civil and commercial litigation support.

Because of Robert's significant business contacts in the United Kingdom, and the United States, he is frequently called upon to assist clients in various forms of complex business



matters, both domestic and international. Robert's clients look to him as a trusted, experienced, creative, fearless hand who has demonstrated an ability to navigate even the most difficult and desperate situations. Robert prides himself on his ability to develop aggressive creative winning strategies for his clients even when the clients believe their circumstances are hopeless.

In 1988, Robert started his legal career as a prosecutor in New York City, where he prosecuted a wide array of cases and headed up a variety of different investigations. As a prosecutor, he presented hundreds of cases to grand juries, and ran numerous investigations. In addition to trying several dozen serious cases, ranging from murder to fraud to narcotics violations, he also ran wiretap and grand jury investigations involving money laundering and other financial crimes, as well as a wiretap and investigation concerning a plot to assassinate a prominent NYC judge. Upon leaving the government, Robert began focusing on defending individuals and entities under government investigation and/or indictment. Early in private practice he defended numerous law enforcement officers under administrative and criminal scrutiny, in courts and administrative proceedings. His particular area of practice permitted Robert to further develop and strengthen his already close ties to law enforcement.

In addition to his practice, Robert has been an adjunct law professor at Pace University Law School since 1998, where he teaches trial advocacy, a course designed to teach law students how to be trial lawyers via a curriculum including the mock trial of a murder case. Robert is also a faculty member of the EATS Program run by Stetson Law School, an acclaimed program designed to teach law school trial advocacy professors creative and innovative pedagogical methods. Robert has also been a featured participant and lecturer at Cardozo Law School's acclaimed Intensive Trial Advocacy Program in New York City, and has also taught at Yale Law School. Robert's trial advocacy teaching requires him to constantly integrate new developments in communication theory and trial techniques into his teaching methods. Given the changing way students (and prospective jurors) communicate and digest information (via Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat, for example) Robert is a recognized leader at integrating neuroscientific principles into his teaching. By actively participating in the weekly trials his students conduct in class, and by frequently demonstrating methods, he is able to continually adapt his own communication skills and integrate cutting-edge developments into his own practice.

Robert is Special Advisor to the Dean of the Mt. Sinai School of Nursing, an adjunct professor at the school, a member of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Board of



Trustees Nominations Committee. In his role as Special Advisor, Robert is tasked with counselling the Dean on innovative pedagogical methods designed to facilitate teaching Narrative Care and other topics. Robert instructs faculty on various topics, and will be teaching courses at the school in the immediate future.

Robert graduated from the George Washington University Law School (formerly, The National Law Center), where he began his career as an advocate by conducting administrative hearings and trials during his second and third year. Prior to GW, Robert graduated with honors from the Business School at the State University of New York at Albany in 1985. He is also a 1996 graduate of the National Criminal Defense College and a 1997 graduate of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Harvard Teacher Training Program. Robert has also made dozens of television appearances on Fox, Court TV, and Tru TV, providing legal commentary on televised trials, and participating in discussions related to pertinent issues.

**JENNY YOUNG DU PONT:** *admitted:* New York; Massachusetts; District of Columbia; U.S. Supreme Court. *Education:* Princeton University (A.B. *cum laude*); Georgetown University Law Center/School of Foreign Service (J.D./M.S.F.S. *magna cum laude*); Order of the Coif; *Georgetown Law Journal*, Notes and Comments Editor.

Ms. du Pont has extensive experience representing domestic and international companies ranging in size from small privately-held firms to large public companies in a variety of corporate, investment, banking, insurance, finance, and employment matters. Ms. du Pont began her legal career at two AmLaw 100 firms in Washington, D.C. and London, U.K. and a decade later moved into in-house counsel roles, first with Plymouth Rock Assurance Corporation in Boston, MA, and later with Millennium Management, LLC in New York. Ms. du Pont also advises and presents on issues related to family businesses, family offices, and managing wealth transfer across generations.

In addition to her legal experience, Ms. du Pont has significant experience in the non-profit sector. Ms. du Pont was President and CEO of The Garden Conservancy in Cold Spring, New York and Executive Director of Miracle House of New York, Inc., and has acted a legal and strategic advisor to a variety of for profit and non-profit entities in New York. For more than 20 years, Ms. du Pont also has been a director, trustee, and officer for a broad range of educational, cultural, scientific, and service non-profit entities. Ms. du Pont served for a number of years as a Trustee of Phillips Exeter Academy, in Exeter, NH, and as a member and Vice Chair of the Warrant Committee





for the Town of Dover in Massachusetts. She is currently a Director of the American Friends of the British Museum and of the American Patrons of the National Galleries and Library of Scotland, serves as an Advisory Council member for the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy in Yonkers, NY and the Sing Sing Prison Museum Master Narrative Project, in Ossining, NY, and is chair of the Advisory Council for the Conservation Law Foundation in Boston, MA.

**KATE MCGUIRE:** *admitted:* New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. *Education:* University of California at Santa Cruz (B.A. 1995), Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1998); Member: *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*.

Ms. McGuire has extensive experience prosecuting complex litigation. Her work encompasses consumer and data protection class actions, securities class and derivative shareholder cases and nationwide antitrust suits.

She is a member of the Firm's Consumer Protection practice group and, in that context, has worked intensively to protect classes of consumers under a range of state and federal laws. Recently, she served as a member of the co-lead counsel team in *Simerlein et al. v. Toyota Motor Corporation et al.*, 3:17-CV-01021-VAB (D. Conn.), representing more than a million owners of Sienna minivans in litigation that settled for class-wide benefits valued at between \$30 and \$40 million. Presently, she serves on a team representing plaintiffs in multi-district litigation against Fisher-Price and Mattel, relating to Rock 'n Play infant sleepers which are alleged to be dangerous and misleadingly marketed. She has also served as a member of the firm's lead or co-counsel teams in other consumer protection cases, including litigation based upon allegations of misrepresentations and omissions concerning the purported safety of electronic cigarettes.

Ms. McGuire has also represented plaintiffs with respect to the protection of their civil rights. For example, she represented a blind plaintiff in a suit under the Americans with Disability Act against a major trading online trading company, and represented a group of minority business owners in federal civil rights litigation concerning disparate treatment which settled for significant governance therapeutics.

**CARL MALMSTROM:** *admitted:* Illinois; Minnesota; United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois; Northern District of Indiana; District of Minnesota; Eastern District of Missouri; Western District of New



York. **Education:** University of Chicago (A.B., Biological Sciences, 1999; A.M., Social Sciences, 2001); The University of Hawai'i at Manoa (M.A., Anthropology, 2004); Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D., 2007). Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Malmstrom worked for the City of Chicago Department of Law in the Municipal Prosecutions Division; he is a member of the Chicago Bar Association. Mr. Malmstrom has substantial experience litigating complex class actions in several practice areas, including antitrust, consumer fraud, and data security. Representative cases in which he has represented plaintiffs include *Bokelman et al. v. FCH Enterprises, Inc.*, Case No. 1:18-cv-209 (D. Haw.), involving customers of Zippy's Restaurants in Hawaii whose personal data was stolen by hackers, *In re: Experian Data Breach Litigation*, Case No. 8:15-cv-1592 (C.D. Cal.); *Freeman-Hargis v. Taxi Affiliation Services, LLC*, Case No. 2016-CH-02519 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty.), involving customers of several taxi services in Chicago who were unlawfully charged fees for using credit cards in taxis.

#### ASSOCIATES

**PATRICK DONOVAN:** *admitted:* New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Fourth Circuits. **Education:** Iona College (B.A., Business Management, 2007); St. John's University School of Law (J.D. 2011). Mr. Donovan's primary areas of focus are securities, derivative and M&A litigation.

**LILLIAN GRINNELL:** *admitted:* New York; United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. **Education:** Bryn Mawr College (A.B., Philosophy and Political Science, 2016); New York University Law School (J.D. 2019). Prior to joining Wolf Haldenstein, Ms. Grinnell served as an Excelsior Service Fellow with the Consumer Protection and Financial Enforcement Division of the NYS Department of Financial Services.

**ROURKE DONAHUE:** *admitted:* New York. **Education:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A., Philosophy, 2017), Honors Program; Georgetown University Law Center (J.D. 2020). Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Donahue clerked for the Hon. Timothy P. Lydon, Presiding Judge of Equity, at the New Jersey Superior Court in Trenton, New Jersey. In law school, Mr. Donahue interned at the Department of Justice's Civil Division, Christie's Auction House, and Manhattan Legal Services and served as the Administrative Editor of the *Georgetown Environmental Law Review*.



**ALEX J. TRAMONTANO:** *admitted:* California; U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Central and Eastern Districts of California; United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. *Education:* University of Massachusetts, Amherst (B.A., Political Science and Legal Studies, *cum laude*, 2008); California Western School of Law (J.D., 2011). Mr. Tramontano's primary areas of focus are securities, anti-trust, unfair and deceptive practices, civil rights and data breach related class actions. Prior to joining Wolf Haldenstein, Mr. Tramontano worked as an associate at an AmLaw 100 firm, as well as other regional law firms in southern California. Mr. Tramontano has over a decade of litigation experience defending and prosecuting complex actions on behalf of individuals and businesses in both Federal and State courts. Mr. Tramontano began his legal career as a Police Cadet at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He went on to law school and joined the San Diego District Attorney's Office as a Certified Legal Intern before transitioning to private practice.

**OANA CONSTANTIN:** *admitted:* California; U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. *Education:* St. Mary's College of California (B.A. Business Management, Summa Cum Laude, 2002); Santa Clara University School of Law (J.D., 2010). Ms. Constantin's primary areas of focus are securities, anti-trust, unfair and deceptive practices, civil rights, and data breach related class actions. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Constantin represented large corporations and well known insurers in the defense of complex claims and insurance litigation matters as part of the commercial litigation practice group at a large insurance defense firm. Ms. Constantin represented corporate clients in a variety of matters, including high-stakes products liability and securities class action litigation, as well as other complex litigation. During her time in the defense practice, Ms. Constantin obtained successful dismissal of individual defendants, and she also conducted alternative dispute resolution negotiations in order to move matters towards beneficial settlements.

#### PARAPROFESSIONALS

**GREGORY STONE:** *Education:* University of Pennsylvania (B.S., Economics, 1979); University of California, Los Angeles (MBA, 1983). Mr. Stone is the Firm's Director of Case and Financial Analysis. He assists partners and associates in identifying and researching potential federal class action securities, derivative litigation and merger & acquisition (M&A) litigation. Mr. Stone has worked with leading securities class action firms in an analytical and investigative role for over 18 year throughout the United States, and has an extensive professional background in the accounting and investment



professions. He plays a key role in new case development, including performing investigations into potential securities fraud class actions, derivative and other corporate governance related actions. By using a broad spectrum of financial news and legal industry research tools, Mr. Stone analyzes information that helps identify and support the theories behind the firm's litigation efforts.





## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES

Wolf Haldenstein does not discriminate or tolerate harassment against any employee or applicant because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or alienage or citizenship status and designs its hiring practices to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. The Firm is in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County, and City equal employment opportunity laws.

Wolf Haldenstein is proud of its long history of support for the rights of, and employment opportunities for, women, the disadvantaged, and minority group persons, including the participation in civil rights and voter registration activities in the South in the early 1960s by partners of the Firm; the part-time employment of disadvantaged youth through various public school programs; the varied *pro bono* activities performed by many of the Firm's lawyers; the employment of many women and minority group persons in various capacities at the Firm, including at the partner level; the hiring of ex-offenders in supported job training programs; and the use of minority and women-owned businesses to provide services and supplies to the Firm.

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# **Clayeo C. Arnold, Professional Law Corp. – Firm Biography and Resume**



## **Arnold Law Firm Biography**

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Founded in 1975 by Clayeo C. Arnold, the Arnold Law Firm is a litigation-oriented practice in Sacramento, California. In keeping with its founding principles, our firm consciously works for the interests of individual people and small businesses — not for large corporations or insurance companies.

The Arnold Law Firm prosecutes class action, mass tort, *qui tam*, product defect, employment, and personal injury cases. We pride ourselves on being a practice of trial lawyers, typically trying a minimum of ten cases per year to verdict. In addition to our practice throughout the state of California in both state and federal courts, we pursue class action, *qui tam* and multi-district litigation claims on a nationwide basis.

Our team of nine attorneys collectively encompass a broad, diverse professional background, including plaintiff contingency work, public entity representation, criminal defense, and civil defense. We have current and past board members of Capital City Trial Lawyers Association, as well as members of numerous prestigious professional organizations, including the American Board of Trial Advocates, American Association for Justice, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and Consumer Attorneys of California.

Our firm's operating structure is based on teams directed towards specific practice areas. These teams regularly and intentionally collaborate and exchange information between their practice areas to improve the quality of representation for all of our clients.



## **Arnold Law Firm Biography**

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Over four decades the Arnold Law Firm has developed a respected and extensive network of co-counsel and experienced contract counsel to rapidly expand our capabilities as necessary on an *ad hoc* basis (e.g., document review). We employ a robust staff of highly qualified, experienced assistants and paralegals to ensure that attorney time is spent in the most efficient manner possible.

The Arnold Law Firm employs technology to increase productivity, resulting in lower hourly billing, even though adverse parties eventually pay those bills. The firm increases efficiencies by using template software, client management software, and secure internet-based client management for mass tort or multi-plaintiff litigation. We also invest in appropriate billing and tracking software for contemporaneous hourly record keeping.

The Arnold Law Firm places substantial value on representing clients in a manner that is both effective and courteous. Integrity with clients, the courts, and adverse counsel are all considered to be as indispensable as successful results.

Our highly accomplished counsel has a long history of successfully handling class actions across a range of industries, including data breach cases.



## **M. Anderson Berry Biography**



The Arnold Law Firm has a proven track record of success and the ability to work efficiently and cooperatively with others. In addition, our firm has the availability and resources necessary to litigate complex class actions.

### **M. Anderson Berry**

M. Anderson Berry heads the data breach complex litigation and *qui tam* practices for the Arnold Law Firm. He brings substantial experience in complex litigation matters with a history of litigating in an efficient and practical manner, including Lead Class Counsel, Co-Lead Class Counsel, and Plaintiff's Executive Committee.

Mr. Berry has an extensive background in privacy and consumer/government fraud litigation, actively participating in a currently sealed False Claims Act case involving widespread cybersecurity fraud upon the United States, and the class action litigations filed in federal courts across the nation, set out below.

Mr. Berry was first selected as the Northern California Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2015 in the field of complex civil litigation.

Before joining the Arnold Law Firm in 2017, Mr. Berry worked as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California. As part of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement unit, Mr. Berry handled a wide variety of complex cases, recovering millions of dollars for the United States.

Before working for the Department of Justice, Mr. Berry practiced at one of the world's largest law firms, Jones Day, where he represented clients in international arbitration and complex commercial litigation, including defending class action allegations.



## **M. Anderson Berry Biography**

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Mr. Berry attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he majored in English and graduated with highest honors. Anderson was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and served as President of the English Undergraduate Associate.

After working as a private investigator for both criminal and civil investigations in the San Francisco Bay Area, Anderson graduated from U.C. Berkeley School of Law, where he was a Senior Editor for both the *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law* and *Berkeley Journal of International Law*.

He was admitted to the California Bar in 2009 and is admitted to practice in the Northern, Eastern and Central Districts of California. Mr. Berry is also admitted to practice in the Eastern District of Michigan and the Northern District of Illinois.

Mr. Berry was raised in Moraga, California.

### **Select Data Breach Cases**

*In Re: Arthur J. Gallagher Data Breach Litigation*, 1:21-cv-04056 (N.D.Ill.)(Co-Lead Counsel);

*In Re: CaptureRx Data Breach Litigation*, 5:21-cv-00523 (W.D.TX.)(Co-Lead Counsel);

*Rossi v. Claire's Stores*, 1:20-cv-05090 (N.D. Ill.) (Co-Lead Counsel);

*Desue v. 20/20 Eye Care Network, Inc. et al.*, 0:21-cv-61275 (S.D. Fla.)(Executive Comm.);

*In re: Mednax Services, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, 21-MD-02994 (S.D. Fl.)(Executive Comm.);

*Hashemi et al. v. Bosley, Inc.* 2:21-cv-00946 (CD. Cal.) (Class Counsel)(settled);

*Heath et al. v. Insurance Technologies Corp et al.*, 3:21-cv-01444 (N.D. Tex.)(Class Counsel)(settled);



**M. Anderson Berry  
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*Gilbert v. AFTRA Retirement Fund et al*, 1:20-cv-10834-ALC (S.D.N.Y.)(Co-Lead Counsel);

*Carrera Aguallo et al. v. Kemper Corporation et al.*, 1:21-cv-01883 (N.D. Ill.) (Class Counsel)(settled);

*Ahn et al. v. Herff Jones, LLC*, 1:21-cv-01381 (S.D. Ind.) (settled);

*Bitmouni v. Paysafe Limited*, 3:21-cv-00641-JCS (N.D. Cal.);

*Edke v. Belden, Inc.*, 2021CH00047 (E.D.Mo.);

*Johnson v. O.K. Foods, Inc.*, 5:21-cv-00561 (W.D. Ar.);

*Marcaurel et al. v. USA Waste-Management Resources, LLC et al.*, 4:21-cv-02027 (S.D. Tex.).

*Gaston v. FabFitFun, Inc.*, 2:20-cv-09534 (C.D. Cal.) (Class Counsel)(settled);

*Hamid et al. v. Canon, U.S.A., Inc. et al.* 1:20-cv-06380-AMD-SJB (E.D.N.Y.);

*In Re: Ambry Genetics Data Breach Litigation*, 8:20-cv-00791 (C.D. Cal.);

*In Re: Hanna Andersson and Salesforce.com Data Breach Litigation*, 3:20-cv-00812-EMC (N.D. Cal.)(Co-Lead Class Counsel) (settled);

*In Re: Morgan Stanley Data Security Litigation*, 1:20-cv-05914 (S.D.N.Y.)(settled);

*Pfeiffer et al. v. RadNet, Inc.*, 2:20-cv-09553-RGK-SK (C.D. Cal.)(Class Counsel)(settled);

*Thomsen v. Morley Companies, Inc.*, 1:22-cv-10271-TLL (E.D. Mi.) (settled);

*IN RE: VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC. DATA INCIDENT LITIGATION*, 4:21-cv-09203-DMR (N.D. Ca.) (Class Counsel);

*In re Lakeview Loan Servicing Data Breach Litigation*, 1:22-cv-20955-DPG (S.D. Fl.);

*Myron Schellhorn et al v. Timios, Inc.*, 2:21-cv-08661-VAP-JC (C.D. Ca.).

# **Markovits, Stock & Demarco, LLC – Firm Biography and Resume**





### TERENCE R. COATES

**Terry Coates is Markovits, Stock & DeMarco’s managing partner.** His legal practice focuses on class action litigation and sports & entertainment law. Before joining Markovits, Stock & DeMarco in **May 2013, Terry gained considerable experience at one of the nation’s preeminent plaintiffs’ litigation law firms**, including working as the firm administrator. Terry is currently a member of class counsel for plaintiffs in many class actions lawsuits, including over 60 data breach and privacy cases. Recently, Terry and his firm was appointed interim co-lead in *Sherwood v. Horizon Actuarial Services, LLC*, No. 22-cv-1495 (N.D. Ga.; Doc. 16, May 12, 2022) (interim co-lead counsel in consolidated data breach class action); *Shy v. Navistar International Corp.*, No. 3:930cv-00333 (S.D. Ohio) (United States District Judge Walter H. Rice granted final approval of an ERISA class action settlement valued at roughly \$742 million in settlement benefits on June 13, 2022); *Migliaccio v. Parker Hannifin Corp.*, No. 1:22-CV-00835 (N.D. Ohio; Doc. 15 July 20, 2022); *Vansickle v. C.R. England*, No. 22-cv-00374 (D. Utah; Doc. 22 August 16, 2022) (interim co-lead counsel in consolidated data breach class action); and, *Miller v. Anderson*, No. 5:20CV1743 (N.D. Ohio; Doc. 345 August 15, 2022) (Markovits, Stock & DeMarco, LLC appointed co-lead counsel of FirstEnergy bribery shareholder derivative lawsuit).

Several organizations have **recognized Terry’s accomplishments and dedication to the practice of law**. In **2014, Wittenberg University, Terry’s alma mater, presented him the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award**. In **2015, Terry’s peers in the Cincinnati legal community presented him the Cincinnati Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section Professionalism Award**. Terry has been designated as an **Ohio Super Lawyers “Rising Star” from 2014-2019**, which is a distinction awarded to less than 2.5% of Ohio attorneys under the age of 40. In 2019, he was selected to the Forty Under 40 by the Cincinnati Business Courier. For the past two years, Terry has been named to the Best Lawyers in America list for Commercial Litigation. He is currently the executive director of the Potter Stewart Inn of Court.

### Education:

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.

(2009) Wittenberg University, B.A. (2005)

### **Representative Cases:**

- *Bowling v. Pfizer, Inc.*, Case No. C-1-95-256, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio (Class Counsel for recipients of defective mechanical heart valves including continued international distribution of settlement funds to remaining class members);
- *Collins Inkjet Corp. v. Eastman Kodak Company*, Case No. 1:13-cv-0664, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio (trial counsel for Collins in an antitrust tying claim resulting in a preliminary injunction against Kodak – a decision that was affirmed by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals: *Collins Inkjet Corp. v. Eastman Kodak Co.*, 781 F.3d 264 (6th Cir. 2015));
- *Day v. NLO, Inc.*, Case No. C-1-90-67, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio (Class Counsel for certain former workers at the Fernald Nuclear weapons facility; the medical monitoring program continues);
- *In re Fannie Mae Securities Litigation*, Case No. 1:04-cv-1639, United States District Court, District of Columbia (represented Ohio public pension funds as Lead Plaintiffs in Section 10b securities class action litigation resulting in a \$153 million court-approved settlement);
- *In re Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Marketing, Sales Practices, & Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2151, United States District Court, Southern District of California (represented plaintiffs and prepared class representatives for deposition testimony resulting in a court-approved settlement valued in excess of \$1.5 billion);
- *In re NCAA Student-Athlete Name & Likeness Licensing Litigation*, Case No. 09-1967, United States District Court, Northern District of California (represented NCAA, Olympic, and NBA legend, Oscar Robertson, in antitrust claims against the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC), and Electronic Arts (EA) leading to a \$40 million settlement with EA and CLC and the Court issuing a permanent injunction against the NCAA for unreasonably restraining trade in violation of antitrust law);
- *Linneman v. Vita-Mix Corp.*, Case No. 14-cv-748, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio (Class Counsel for a nationwide class of Vita-Mix blender consumers resulting in a nationwide settlement);
- *Williams v. Duke Energy*, Case No. 1:08-cv-00046, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio (representing class of energy consumers against energy provider in complex antitrust and RICO class action resulting in the court granting final approval of an \$80.875 million settlement); and,
- *Ohio Public Employees Retirement System v. Federal Home Loan Mortgage ("Freddie Mac")*, Case No. 4:08-cv-0160, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (Special counsel for Ohio public pension funds as Lead Plaintiffs in Section 10b-5 securities class action litigation).

### **Community Involvement:**

- Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL), Class XXI, *Participant* (2017)
- Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce C-Change Class 9, *Participant* (2014)
- Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, *Ambassador* (2014)
- Cincinnati Athletic Club, *President* (2015-2017)
- Cincinnati Athletic Club, *Vice President* (2014-2015)
- Cincinnati Bar Association, Board of Trustees, *Trustee* (2019-present)
- Cincinnati Bar Association, Board of Trustees, *Executive Committee* (2021-present)
- Cincinnati Bar Association, *Membership Services & Development Committee* (2014-present)
- Cincinnati Bar Association, *Run for Kids Committee* (2009-2014)
- Cincinnati Bar Association, *Social Committee* (2011-2014)
- Clermont County Humane Society, *Board Member* (2014-2017)
- Clermont County Humane Society, *Legal Adviser* (2017-present)
- Potter Stewart Inn of Court, *Executive Director* (2021-present)

- Summit Country Day High School, *Mock Trial Adviser* (2013-2016)
- St. Peter in Chains, Cathedral, Parish Council (2014-2017)

**Recognitions:**

- Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2014 – present)
- Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation (2020-present)
- Wittenberg University Outstanding Young Alumnus Award (2014)
- Cincinnati Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section Professionalism Award (2015)
- JDRF Bourbon & Bow Tie Bash, *Young Professional (Volunteer) of the Year*, Flying Pig Marathon (2016)
- Cincinnati Business Courier, Forty Under 40 (2019)
- Cincinnati Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Cincinnati's Finest Honoree (2020)

**Courts Admitted:**

- State of Ohio (2009)
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio (2010)
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (2010)
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (2021)
- United States District Court, District of Colorado (2022)
- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit (2018)

# **The Lyon Firm – Firm Biography and Resume**



THE LYON FIRM  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law

## FIRM PROFILE

*The Lyon Firm, LLC* is a Cincinnati, Ohio based law firm representing individuals nationwide in class action and product liability litigation. Joe Lyon founded the Firm in 2006 following his work as an associate for a national complex litigation firm. Over the past 19 years, Mr. Lyon has represented thousands of individual clients in over 40 Multi-District Litigations (“MDL”) in both federal and state court consolidated actions. Mr. Lyon has also served as co-lead counsel, on Executive and Steering Committees, and as plaintiffs’ counsel in over 30 class actions. These complex cases have involved a diverse range of legal, scientific, regulatory, and public policy issues involving medical devices, pharmaceutical products, toxic consumer products, and data privacy matters.

Recent co-lead class counsel roles include, among others, *Hawkins v. Navy Federal Credit Union*, Case No: 1:19-cv-01186 (E.D. of VA)(Final Approval of \$9.25 million nationwide non-reversionary common fund settlement for TCPA violations); *Devine v. Health Aid of Ohio*, Case No: CV-21-948117(Cuyahoga County)(Preliminary Approval granted in data breach class action for claims made settlement valued at \$12.5 million); *In Re Southern Ohio Health System Data Breach*, Case No:A210886 (Hamilton County, OH)(Awaiting preliminary approval of nationwide non-reversionary common fund settlement of \$1.95 million); *Remoundos v. Lend US, LLC*, No. 4:22-cv-00749 (U.S. District Court, N.D. of CA)(Awaiting preliminary approval in data breach class action for nationwide claims made settlement valued at \$3.3 million); and *Migliaccio v. Parker Hannifin Corp.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00835 (U.S. District Court, N.D. of OH)(Appointed interim co-lead class counsel in data breach class action by Judge Polster.)

The Firm has a long history of successful MDL work having developed supportive evidence on numerous specific causation issues to support claims within the MDL case structure. In addition, Mr. Lyon has worked alongside many of the leading Plaintiff Firms on leadership committees to develop common benefit evidence on general liability and general causation. Notably, Mr. Lyon has served on several MDL Discovery Committees, where he has participated in corporate document reviews, 30(b)(6) depositions, expert development, medical literature surveys, FDA regulatory reviews, and bellwether trial preparation: e.g., MDL 1748: *In re Testosterone Replacement Therapy*; MDL 2327: *In Re Ethicon Pelvic Repair Systems*; and MDL 1598: *In Re: Ephedra Products Liability Litigation*. Moreover, Mr. Lyon has contributed as a member of a bellwether trial team that obtained a favorable Plaintiff’s verdict, which assisted in a global resolution of the *Actos* litigation. (*Wisniewski v Taketa Pharmaceuticals America Inc.* Case No: 120702272 (Philadelphia County, PA).

Finally, Mr. Lyon has dedicated much of his career to representing individual plaintiffs in catastrophic single event litigation. This rewarding work has provided families with answers to difficult questions of liability and has resulted in numerous life changing settlements that have assisted with long term medical needs and compensation for significant financial and personal loss. The single event litigation has required the Firm to consistently learn new subject matters, develop new case themes, and create new relationships. These cases have addressed a variety of legal, medical, and engineering issues arising from automotive product defects, firearm defects, medical malpractice, workplace injuries, toxic lead exposure, environmental contamination, and asbestos exposure. As lead and second chair on these complex matters, Mr. Lyon has developed extensive experience in written discovery, e-discovery, fact depositions, 30(b)(6) depositions, expert opinion evidence, dispositive motion practice, and trial practice, while helping families overcome some of life’s hardest challenges.



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Attorneys and Counselors at Law

## FIRM PROFILE

### CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### Professional Experience

- The Lyon Firm, LLC; Founder & Managing Partner (9/2006-Present)
- Lopez, Hodes, Restaino, Milman & Skikos, A Law Corp.; Associate

#### Admissions to Practice Law

- Ohio
- Kentucky
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Colorado
- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court, North Dakota
- United States Court of Appeals, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

#### Education

- Chicago Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, J.D. (2002)
  - Honors:
    - Federal Judicial Externship: United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Judge William Hibbler; (January 2001-September 2001)
    - Law Review: Member of Chicago-Kent Journal of International and Comparative Law.
- Loyola University, Baltimore MD, B.A. in Political Science (1999)
  - International Study:
    - Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium (9/1997-6/1998)
    - St. Louis University, Madrid, Spain (9/1998-12/1998)



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### Representative Lead Class Counsel Experience:

- ***Hawkins v. Navy Federal Credit Union*, Case No: 1:19-cv-01186** (E.D. of VA): Appointed co-lead class counsel in TCPA class action. Judge Brinkema approved nationwide class and non-reversionary common fund settlement of \$9,250,000 providing monetary compensation for class of over 66,000.
- ***Wade v. U.S. Bank National Association*, Case No: A1501522** (Hamilton County, Ohio): Appointed co-lead class counsel in state mortgage satisfaction class action. Judge Winkler approved an Ohio class and common fund settlement of \$1,750,000.00 providing monetary compensation to a class of over 45,000.00 mortgage holders.
- ***Devine et al, v. Health Aide of Ohio*, Case No: CV-21-948117** (Cuyahoga County, OH): Appointed as co-lead class counsel in consolidated data breach class action involving 141,149 medical patients; Judge Russo granted Preliminary Approval for a claims made nationwide settlement providing monetary benefits and additional identity theft protection valued at over \$12.5 million.
- ***In Re Southern Ohio Health System Data Breach*, Case No: A2101886** (Hamilton County, OH): Serving as proposed interim co-lead counsel in consolidated data breach class action impacting two Ohio hospital systems; Pending preliminary approval for nationwide common fund settlement of \$1,950,000.00 that provides monetary compensation to 420,433 class members.
- ***Engle v. Talbert House*, No. A 2103650** (Hamilton County, OH): Serving as proposed interim co-lead class counsel in a data breach class action impacting over 300,000 medical patients; Pending preliminary approval for nationwide claims made settlement providing monetary benefits and additional identity theft protection to class members impacted by the data breach.
- ***Remoundos v. Lend US LLC*, No. 4:22-cv-00749** (U.S. District Court, N.D. of CA): Serving as proposed interim co-lead class counsel in consolidated data breach class action involving thousands of CA residents and CCPA violations against a regional lending institution; Pending preliminary approval of nationwide claims made settlement valued at over \$ 3,389,350.00.
- ***Migliaccio v. Parker Hannifin Corp.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00835** (U.S. District Court, N.D. of OH): (Appointed interim co-lead class counsel by Judge Polster in data breach class action against multi-national manufacturer impacting thousands of current and former employees.)
- ***Tucker v. Marietta Area Health Care, Inc.*, No. 2:22-cv-00184** (U.S. District Court, S.D. of OH): Serving as proposed interim co-lead in consolidated data breach class action involving ransomware attack on Ohio hospital that compromised the PII and PHI of thousands of patients. Motion to Dismiss fully briefed and pending, and case management order entered.





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- ***Bae v. Pacific City Bank***, No. 21STCV45922 (Los Angeles County Superior Court, CA): Serving as proposed interim co-lead class counsel in a data breach class action involving thousands of CA residents under CCPA violations against a regional bank; Parties are working on mediation following briefing on Motions to Dismiss which was preliminarily denied.
- ***Miranda v. Xavier University***, No. 1:20-cv-00539 (U.S. District Court, S.D. of OH); Serving as proposed interim co-lead class counsel for nursing students in a class action arising from the breach of contract to provide clinical education and experience through the coursework. Motion to Dismiss denied in part and granted in part. Discovery ongoing.
- ***Reynolds v. Concordia***, No. 21-cv-02560 (U.S. District Court, Minn.): Serving as proposed interim co-lead class counsel for nursing students in a class action arising from the breach of contract to provide clinical education and experience through the coursework. Motion to Dismiss denied in part and granted in part. Discovery ongoing.

### Executive & Steering Committee Experience:

- ***Desue, et al. v. 20/20 Eye Care***, Case No: 21-CV-61275 (S.D. of FL; Appointed to Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in data breach class action impacting 3.2 million patients' personal and healthcare information. Motion to Dismiss denied in part and granted in part. Mediation ordered.
- ***Baker, et al. v. Parkmobile, LLC***, Case No: 1:21-CV-2182 (N.D. of GA; Appointed to Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in data breach class action impacting the personal information of over 21 million customers. Motion to Dismiss fully briefed and pending.
- ***MDL 1748 In Re: Testosterone Replacement Therapy Products Liability Litigation.***  
Assisted in the formation of the litigation and the consolidation of over 4,000 cases before Judge Kennelly in the Northern District of Illinois. Performed document review and coding on regulatory and custodial files related to deceptive and off label marketing claims and adverse events; Developed consulting relationship with leading experts and created medical literature summaries; Organized deposition summaries for bellwether trials.
- ***MDL 2327 In Re: Ethicon, Inc. Pelvic Repair Systems Product Liability Litigation.***  
Performed document review and coding on custodial files on product design, labelling, opinion leaders, adverse events, and regulatory approval; Assisted in preparation for corporate 30(b)(6) depositions, opinion leader depositions, and bellwether trials.
- ***In Re: Actos (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation. Wisniewski v. Takeda Pharmaceuticals et al.*** (Case No. 120702272) Co-Counsel for bellwether trial in Philadelphia County. Jury awarded \$2,340,000.00 in compensatory damages.
- ***MDL 1598 In Re: Ephedra Products Liability Litigation:*** Coordinated GNC document review, assisted in deposition preparation for 30(b)(6) depositions, and participated in bellwether trial support.





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### **Representative Current Multi District Litigation (Case Specific Work):**

- MDL 2738 In Re: Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder
- MDL 2885 In Re: 3M Product Liability Litigation
- MDL 3004 In Re: Paraquat Product Liability Litigation
- MDL 2974 In Re: Paraguard IUD Product Liability Litigation
- In Re Pam Cooking Spray Consolidated Actions (Cook County, IL)

### **Representative Past Multi District Litigation (Case Specific Work):**

- MDL 2741 In Re: Roundup Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2441 In Re: Stryker Rejuvenate and ABG II Hip Implant Litigation
- MDL 2768 In Re: Stryker LFIT V-40 Femoral Head Product Liability Litigation
- MDL 2391 In Re: Biomet M2A Magnum Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2734 In Re: Abilify (Aripiprazole) Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2244 In Re: Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc. Pinnacle Hip Implant Litigation
- MDL 1748 In Re: Testosterone Replacement Therapy Products Liability Litigation.
- JCCP 4887 In Re Essure Product Cases
- MDL 2591 In Re: Syngenta AG MIR 162 Corn Litigation
- MDL 2000 In Re: Yaz/ Yasmin/ Ocella Litigation (Philadelphia Consolidated Actions)
- MDL 2197 In Re: Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc., ASR Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1871 In Re: Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1598 In Re: Ephedra Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1905 In Re: Medtronic, Inc. Sprint Fidelis Leads Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1769 In Re: Seroquel Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1928 In Re: Trasylol Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1785 In Re: Bausch & Lomb Inc. Contact Lens Solution Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1657 In Re: Vioxx Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2226 In Re: Darvocet, Darvon, and Propoxyphene Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2327 In Re: Ethicon, Inc. Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2325 In Re: AMS, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2187 In Re: C.R. Bard, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2387 In Re: Coloplast Corp. Pelvic Support Systems Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2326 In Re: Boston Scientific Corp. Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 2299 In Re: Actos (Pioglitazone) products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1842 In Re: Kugel Mesh Hernia Patch Products Liability Litigation
- MDL 1708 In Re: Guidant Implantable Defibrillators Product Liability Litigation
- MDL 1905 In Re: Medtronic Sprint Fidelis Leads Product Liability Litigation
- In Re Depo Provera: New Jersey Consolidated State Litigation



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### Representative Single Event Settlements

- ***Estate of Gabrielle Walker v. The Toledo Hospital*** (2021) Lucas County, Ohio, Case No: G-4801. Lead counsel in medical malpractice/ wrongful death case involving allegations of negligent discharge of a suspected child abuse patient. The discharge resulted in returning the child to the suspected home environment where she sustained terminal injuries that evening. The four years of litigation entailed lead counsel taking over twenty depositions, preparing and disclosing four liability experts, filing several motions to compel discovery (ESI and 30B5 Witnesses) that the Court granted, and obtaining the Court's denial of two motions for summary judgment. The parties entered a confidential settlement two months before trial after months of negotiation.
- ***Murphy v. University Hospital*** (2019) Hamilton County, Ohio A-18-03027. Lead Counsel in medical malpractice case involving the alleged misdiagnosis of cancer and unnecessary operation to remove 17 lymph nodes. The patient was cancer free and the unnecessary surgery left her with permanent lymphedema. Confidential Settlement following disclosure of expert reports on liability, causation and life care plan.
- ***Gray v. Graham KTM Sport Motorbikes*** (2018) N. Dist. of Mississippi Case No: 3:17-cv-092. Lead counsel in automotive product liability matter involving a recalled accelerator of a motor-cross bike. The recall was noticed due to the accelerator sticking and resulting in unintended acceleration. Plaintiff experienced this event losing control, whereby the bike fell onto him as he attempted to jump from the out-of-control bike. His arm was trapped in the rear wheel resulting in catastrophic amputation. Confidential settlement following limited discovery and disclosure of life care plan.
- ***Harrell et al. v. WWS Associates*** (2018) Hamilton County, Ohio, Case No: A1600701. Lead counsel in lead exposure case involving the secondary exposure of two minor children to industrial lead dust. It was alleged the children were poisoned when their father returned home from a recycling job that did not provide adequate protective clothing or require showers before returning home. The children suffered neurological injuries related to elevated lead levels. Confidential settlement following factual discovery and disclosure of expert reports on causation and damages.
- ***Lemon v. FMK Firearms, Inc. et al.*** (2016) E. Dist. of KY Case No: 2:15-cv-00128. Lead Counsel in complex product liability case involving a defective handgun that was subject to a recall due to drop-fire risks. Plaintiff suffered severe injuries including compartment syndrome when gun was accidentally dropped and fired. Confidential settlement following initial factual discovery.



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- ***Waters v. F&P America MFG, Inc.*** (2016) Miami County, Ohio Case No: 15-103. Lead Counsel. Workplace intentional tort claim involving a corporate policy to circumvent a perimeter cage designed to protect workers from hydraulic equipment malfunction. Plaintiff suffered catastrophic amputation of multiple fingers when a machine misfired. Confidential settlement following corporate depositions and while motion for summary judgment on employer intentional tort and workers compensation immunity issues was pending.
- ***Estate of Ralph Jamison v. Continental Appliances, Inc.*** (2013) Adams County, Ohio Case No. CVB 20120499. Lead Counsel in complex Product Liability case involving a defective propane wall heater that resulted in severe burn injuries and wrongful death. Confidential Settlement following motion to compel documents was granted and 30(b)(5) deposition.
- ***Estate of Joseph Ponsi v. RCD Sales, Inc.*** (2012) Ashland County, Ohio Case No. 12-CVI-017). Lead Counsel in dealership negligence involving the sale of a recreational towing vehicle that exceeded towing capacity of tow vehicle resulting in rollover and wrongful death. Confidential settlement following multiple depositions on liability and disclosure of expert reports.
- ***Armesia Thomas v. General Motors et al.*** (2011) E. Dist. of KY Case No. 08-228-ART. Lead Counsel in complex Product Liability action involving claims of defective seat belt design resulting in catastrophic spinal cord injury to a 19 year old female. Confidential settlement with General Motors and Takata Defendants following full factual discovery and disclosure of expert reports and life care plan.
- ***Michael Urchak v. Donnell Ford Lincoln Mercury of Salem, Inc.*** (2010) Mahoning County, Ohio Case No 08-CV-3700). Lead Counsel in dealership negligence causing mechanical failure and loss of control of vehicle resulting in spinal cord injury. Confidential Settlement following full factual discovery and disclosure of expert reports and life care plan.
- ***Charles & Jennifer Briner, Individually and on Behalf of Christopher Briner, A Minor v Daimler Chrysler Corporation.*** (2007) (Richland County, Ohio Case No. 05-CV-371). Co-lead counsel in complex product liability action involving claims of defective seat belt buckle resulting in inadvertent buckle release and catastrophic brain injury to a minor. Confidential settlement two weeks before trial following full factual discovery and expert disclosures on liability and life care plan.
- ***Marlene Lewis et al v. Alex Saba,, M.D.*** (2006) Hamilton County, Ohio, Case No. A0501599. Co-lead counsel in medical malpractice claims arising from the failure to diagnose breast cancer resulting in cancer progression, loss of survival, and additional invasive medical care. Confidential Settlement a few months before trial following full discovery and expert disclosures on liability and damages.



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### **Memberships & Board Positions**

Attorneys Information Exchange Group (2006- Present)  
American Association for Justice, Trial Magazine, Peer Review Panel (2018-Present)  
American Association for Justice, TRT Litigation Group Co-Chair (2014-Present)  
American Association for Justice Litigation Group Leaders Council (2014- Present)  
American Association for Justice, Member (2003- Present)  
American Association for Justice, “New Lawyers Board of Governors” (2004-2013)  
Kentucky Association for Justice (2011- Present)  
National Trial Lawyers (2009-Present)  
Ohio Association for Justice (2003-2007; 2013-Present)  
Ohio Association for Justice, Product Liability Section Chair (2014-2015)

### **Publications & Presentations**

- *Mass Torts in State Court*. OAJ Summer Convention, Columbus, OH (2017)
- *Managing Client Expectations*. OAJ Summer Convention. Columbus, OH (2015)
- *The Wheels of Justice: Mass Torts in State Courts*. OAJ Quarterly. Product Liability Section. (2015)
- *“Low T”- The Creation of a Disease*. OAJ Quarterly. Product Liability Section. (2014)
- *Ethical Aspects of Mass Tort Marketing*. AAJ Summer Convention. Baltimore, MD (2014)
- *Testosterone Replacement Therapy MDL Update and Case Criteria*. AAJ Summer Convention. Baltimore, MD (2014)
- *Testosterone Replacement Therapy --Specific Causation*. AAJ Mass Tort Update Seminar. San Diego, CA (2014)
- *Testosterone Replacement Therapy --Causes of Action*. AAJ Emerging Mass Tort Seminar. Louisville, KY (2014)
- *Parallel Claims & Reporting Requirements: New Motivation for Drug Manufacturers to Give Adequate Warning*. OAJ Quarterly. Product Liability Section (2013)
- *Where to Begin Your Search for the Smoking Gun: Organizing Your Strategy and Informal Discovery*. National Business Institute Seminar. Cincinnati, OH (2010)
- *Written Discovery Strategies*. National Business Institute Seminar. Cincinnati, OH (2010)
- *A Separate Piece in Seeking Justice: Civil Themes and Skills in Public Defense*. AAJ, Criminal Law Section, Vol. 16, No.2 Winter (2009)



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- *The Weight of Expert Testimony*. National Business Institute Seminar. Cincinnati, OH (2009)
- *Punitive Damages: Current Trends and Strategies*. National Business Institute Seminar. Cincinnati, Ohio (2009)
- *Jury Selection: Your First Trial*. Northern Kentucky College of Law. (2009)
- *Utilizing ATLA Resources for Law Students*. University of Cincinnati College of Law. (2003)

## **Honors & Awards**

- Super Lawyers (Class Action and Mass Torts) (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (Class Action and Mass Torts) (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 Trial Lawyers for Ohio (2009-Present)
- National Trial Lawyers: Top 20 Mass Tort Lawyers (2018- Present)
- AVVO: 10/10 Rating

**Morgan & Morgan Complex  
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Morgan & Morgan is a leading civil trial law firm representing consumers and commercial clients nationwide. With over 800 lawyers, and more than 5,000 non-lawyer employees, Morgan & Morgan is the largest plaintiffs' firm in the nation. Morgan & Morgan maintains over offices throughout the United States. Among its lawyers are former state attorney generals and present and former members of various state legislatures.

**Jean Sutton Martin** presently serves by appointment as interim co-lead counsel in *In re Morgan Stanley Data Security Litigation*, 1:20-cv-05914 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$68 million settlement for 15 million class members), *Combs, et al. v. Warner Music Group*, Case No. 1:20-cv-07473-PGG (S.D.N.Y.), *In Re: Ambry Genetics Data Breach Litigation*, No. 20-cv-00791 (C.D. Cal.), and *Johnson, et al. v. Yuma Regional Medical Center*, 2:22-cv-01061-SMB (D. Ariz.). She also serves as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the cases proceeding against LabCorp, Inc. in *In re: American Medical Collection Agency Data Breach Litigation*, 19-md-2904 (D. N.J.). She is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re: Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing (BHR) Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation*, No. 17-md-2775 (D. Md.) and *In re: Allergan Biocell Textured Breast Implant Products Liability Litigation*, No. 19-md-2921 (D. N.J.).

In a case in which she serves as co-lead counsel, Ms. Martin argued a motion for class certification which resulted in the first order in the country granting Rule 23(b)(3) certification in a consumer payment card data breach. *In re Brinker Data Incident Litig.*, No. 3:18-CV-686-TJC-MCR, 2021 WL 1405508 (M.D. Fla. Apr. 14, 2021).

She has served in leadership positions in many consumer class actions and consolidated proceedings in federal courts around the country, including *inter alia*: *Aguallo, et al. v. Kemper Corp., et al.*, Case No.: 1:21-cv-01883 (N.D. Ill.) (data breach settlement valued at over \$17.5 million) (co-lead counsel); *Gordon, et al. v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.*, No. 17-cv-01415 (D. Colo.) (data breach) (co-lead counsel); *Linnins v. HAECO Americas, Inc., et al.*, No. 16-cv-486 (M.D.N.C.) (employee data disclosure) (co-lead counsel); *Torres v. Wendy's International, LLC*, No. 6:16-cv-210 (M.D. Fla.) (data breach) (class counsel); *Fuentes, et al. v. UniRush, LLC, et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-08372 (S.D.N.Y.) (disruption in servicing of financial accounts) (co-lead counsel);



*Lewis, et al., v. Green Dot Corp., et al.*, No. 2:16-cv-03557 (C.D. Cal.) (disruption in servicing of financial accounts) (class counsel); *Brady, et al. v. Due North Holdings, LLC, et al.*, No. 1:17-cv-01313 (S.D. Ind.) (employee data disclosure) (class counsel); *Foreman v. Solera Holdings, Inc.*, No. 6:17-cv-02002 (M.D. Fla.) (employee data disclosure) (class counsel); *In Re: Outer Banks Power Outage Litigation*, No. 4:17-cv-141 (E.D.N.C.) (extended island power outage due to defective construction practices) (class counsel); and, *McCoy v. North State Aviation, LLC, et al.*, No. 17- cv-346 (M.D.N.C.) (WARN Act violations) (class counsel).

In addition to consumer class actions, Ms. Martin has practiced in the areas of mass tort and catastrophic personal injury litigation. Prior to joining Morgan and Morgan, Ms. Martin ran her own law firm concentrating in consumer class actions and mass tort litigation. She also has served as an adjunct professor at Wake Forest University School of Law.

Ms. Martin received her Juris Doctor degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1998, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Wake Forest Law Review*. She obtained eDiscovery certification from the eDiscovery Training Academy at Georgetown Law Center in 2017. Ms. Martin graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Economics in 1989. She earned a Master of International Business from the University of South Carolina in 1991.

**Ms. Martin has been honored with the prestigious “AV” rating by Martindale-Hubbell.** In 2016, Ms. Martin was selected by her peers as the foremost Litigation attorney in the State of North Carolina for *Business North Carolina Magazine’s Legal Elite*, gaining membership in the *Legal Elite* Hall of Fame. In 2015, she was inducted as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a prestigious trial lawyer honorary society comprised of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellows are selected based upon excellence and accomplishment in litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels, and superior ethical reputation. For upholding the highest principles of the legal profession and for outstanding dedication to the welfare of others, Ms. Martin has also been selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary legal organization whose membership is limited to one third of one percent of lawyers in each state. Since 2012, she has been selected to the Super Lawyers list for North Carolina in the areas of mass torts and class actions, with repeated selection to the Top 50 Women North Carolina list since 2014. Additionally, Ms. Martin has been named by National Trial Lawyers to the Top 100 Trial Lawyers, Top 50 Class Action Lawyers, and Top 50 Mass Torts Lawyers for North Carolina.

Before entering law school, Ms. Martin worked with the sales finance team of Digital Equipment Company in Munich, Germany developing sales forecasts and pricing models for the **company’s expansion into the Eastern European market after the fall of the Berlin wall**. She also

worked as a practice management consultant for a physician consulting group and as a marketing manager for an international candy manufacturer where her responsibilities included product development, brand licensing, market research, and sales analysis.

Ms. Martin is a member of the North Carolina bar, having been admitted in 1998. She is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Federal Claims, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of North Carolina, and the United States District Court of Colorado.

## **Federman & Sherwood – Firm Biography and Resume**

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### FIRM RESUME

**WILLIAM B. FEDERMAN.** Education: Boston University (B.A., cum laude, 1979); University of Tulsa (J.D., 1982); Phi Alpha Delta (Treasurer, 1980-1982). Admitted to practice: United States District Courts for the following Districts: Western, Northern and Eastern, Oklahoma; Eastern and Southern, New York; Southern, Northern, Eastern and Western, Texas; Eastern and Western, Arkansas; District of Columbia; District of Colorado; Northern, Ohio; United States Court of Appeals for the following Circuits: First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh and Federal; and United States Supreme Court. Lectures/Publications: “Class Actions, New Rules and Data Breach Cases,” 40<sup>th</sup> Annual OCBA Winter Seminar 2019; “A Case Study of Ethical Issues in Complex Litigation and Trends in Class Certification,” 39<sup>th</sup> Annual OCBA Winter Seminar, 2018; “Talkin’ About Insurance Coverage and Complex Litigation: What Every Lawyer and Client Should Know,” 38<sup>th</sup> Annual OCBA Winter Seminar, 2017; “Securities Litigation: Using Data to Make the Case,” by Bloomberg BNA, 2016; “The Changing Landscape for Prosecution of Financial Claims Involving Insolvent Companies” 37<sup>th</sup> Annual OCBA Winter Seminar, 2016; “Current Status of Securities Class Actions: Where are the Courts Taking Us?” Houston Bar Association, 2014. “Class & Derivative Actions and Securities Litigation,” 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association; “Litigation and Employment Law Update,” Securities Industry Association Compliance and Legal Division; “Inside a Disclosure Crisis”, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Securities Institute Annual Meeting and sponsored by the Washington Bar Association; “Managing Directors’ Liability,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Energy Industry Directors Conference and sponsored by Rice University; “Executive Liability - 2009 D & O Market Trends,” Chartis Insurance; “Derivative Actions and Protecting the Corporation – Critical Issues in Today’s Banking,” Oklahoma Bar Association and the Oklahoma Bankers Association; “Arbitration - What Is It? Why Should a Lawyer Suggest or Use It?,” Oklahoma Bar Association; “The Attorney and Accountant as Targets in Failed Financial Institution Litigation,” American Bar Association Trial Practice Committee; “Effective Arbitration in the 1990’s - Adapting to Build a Successful Practice,” Oklahoma County Bar Association; “Current Issues in Direct Investments and Limited Partnerships: The Litigation Scene From All Perspectives,” American Bar Association Litigation Section; “Stockbroker Litigation and Arbitration,” Securities Arbitration Institute. Author: “Who’s Minding the Store: The Corporate Attorney-Client Privilege,” 52 O.B.J. 1244, 1981; “Potential Liability From Indirect Remuneration in Private Oil and Gas Offerings,” 11 Sec. Reg. L.J. 135, 1983; “Capitalism and Reality Meet in the Courts. . . Finally,” 59 O.B.J. 3537, 1987; “Class Actions, New Rules & Data Breach Cases,” Annual OCBA Winter Seminar, 2019. Membership: Arbitration Panel, New York Stock Exchange; Federal Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association (Committee on Professionalism, 1987-1990); Oklahoma Bar Association (Civil Procedure/Evidence Code, Lawyers Helping Lawyers Assistance Program and Rules of Professional Conduct Committees, 2017-2020); American Bar Association (Committee on Securities Litigation and Corporate Counsel); American Inns of Court (Barrister 1990-1993 and Master 2002-2004); inducted into the Outstanding Lawyers of America, 2003; received the Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating of AV Preeminent in both ethical standards and legal ability; recognized as one of the “Top Lawyers of 2013” for excellence and achievements in the legal community; Litigation Counsel of America (Trial Lawyer & Appellate Lawyer Honorary Society). Awards/Honors: Securities Litigation and Arbitration Law Firm of the Year in Oklahoma – 2018 (Global Law Experts Annual Awards); Securities Litigation and Arbitration Law Firm of the Year in Oklahoma – 2019, 2020 (Corporate INTL Magazine); Oklahoma Super Lawyers list by Thomson Reuters – 2019; Recognized for Exceptional Service and Outstanding Performance on behalf

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of the Federal Bar Association (Oklahoma City Chapter) Pro Bono Program – 2018-2019, 2020, Oklahoma Super Lawyer for 2022.

**STUART W. EMMONS. (In Memoriam)** Education: University of Oklahoma (J.D., 1987, with distinction); University of Oklahoma (B.B.A., Accounting, 1984, with distinction). Admitted to practice: 1987, Oklahoma; 1987, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; 1990, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma; 1992, U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit; 1994, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit; U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; 2002, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas; 2003, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; 2004, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; 2005, United States Supreme Court; 2005 U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit; 2015, U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit; 2016, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit and U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. 1988-1989, Law Clerk to the Hon. Layn R. Phillips, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Published Decisions: *American Fidelity Assurance Company v. The Bank of New York Mellon*, 810 F.3d 1234 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2016); *Paul Spitzberg v. Houston American Energy Corporation, et al.*, 758 F.3d 676 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2014); *Patipan Nakkhumpun v. Daniel J. Taylor, et al.*, 782 F.3d 1142 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2015); Membership: Oklahoma County and Oklahoma Bar Associations.

**SARA E. COLLIER.** Education: Oklahoma Christian University (B.S. 2000); Oklahoma City University School of Law (J.D. 2004). Admitted to practice: 2005, Oklahoma; 2005, U.S. District Courts for the Western, Eastern and Northern Districts of Oklahoma; 2007, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas; and 2007, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington, DC. Membership: Oklahoma Bar Association, American Bar Association.

**MOLLY E. BRANTLEY.** Education: University of Oklahoma (B.A., 2013); Oklahoma City University School of Law (J.D., 2017; Merit Scholar 2014-2017). Admitted to practice: Oklahoma, 2017; United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma; United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, 2020. Membership: Oklahoma Bar Association; Federal Bar Association.

**D. COLBY ADDISON.** Education: University of Oklahoma (B.S., 2013); University of Oklahoma (J.D., 2016). Admitted to practice: Oklahoma, U.S. District Courts for the Western, Eastern and Northern Districts of Oklahoma, 2016. Membership: Oklahoma Bar Association; Federal Bar Association, Oklahoma Employment Lawyers Association, National Employment Lawyers Association. Mr. Addison is experienced in all aspects of complex litigation and has successfully litigated numerous class actions from inception through discovery and court approved settlement. Prior to joining Federman & Sherwood, Mr. Addison was a co-founder of a firm that specialized in wage and hour collective action and discrimination cases. Mr. Addison has earned the distinction of SuperLawyers for 2019, 2020, and 2021. He has been a featured speaker and lecturer on labor and employment law topics, including as a CLE educator. Mr. Addison has served as Lead or Co-Lead for Plaintiffs in multiple complex litigation cases.

#### **OF COUNSEL:**

**JOHN CHARLES SHERWOOD.** Education: Texas Christian University, (BBA, magna cum laude, 1981); Baylor School of Law (J.D., 1984). Areas of Practice: Litigation. Board Certified: Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Organizations: Texas Trial Lawyers, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Dallas Trial Lawyers Association, Dallas Bar Association, Former Chairperson of the Solo and Small Firm Section of the Dallas Bar Association (1999), Member of the College of the State Bar of Texas, and founding President of Citizens For a Fair Judiciary (Political

Action Committee). Licenses and Courts of Practice: Member of the State Bar of Texas, National Board of Trial Advocacy, Licensed as a Certified Public Accountant by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court, United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Papers Presented: *Other People's Money*, Presented to the Dallas Bar Association, Solo and Small Firm Section; Recognition: "Top Attorneys in Texas, Business Litigation," (2012).

**A. BROOKE MURPHY.** Education: Oklahoma City University (B.A. summa cum laude, 2005; Robert L. Jones Outstanding Senior Paper Award; Women's Leadership Award); University of Oklahoma College of Law (J.D. 2010, with honors; Dean's List; First Amendment Moot Court Team; Assistant Articles Editor of Oklahoma Law Review). Admitted to practice: Oklahoma, 2010; U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, 2010; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2010; Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2014; First Circuit Court of Appeals and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2016; Second Circuit Court of Appeals, 2021. Published Decisions: *Paul Spitzberg v. Houston American Energy Corporation, et al.*, 758 F.3d 676 (5th Cir. 2014); *Patipan Nakkhumpun v. Daniel J. Taylor, et al.*, 782 F.3d 1142 (10th Cir. 2015); *Angley v. UTi Worldwide Inc.*, 311 F. Supp. 3d 1117 (C.D. Cal. 2018); *Mulderrig v. Amyris, Inc.*, 492 F. Supp. 3d 999 (N.D. Cal. 2020); *McFarlane v. Altice USA, Inc.*, 524 F. Supp. 3d 264 (S.D.N.Y. 2021). Publication: *Credit Rating Immunity? How the Hands-Off Approach Toward Credit Rating Agencies Led to the Subprime Credit Crisis and the Need for Greater Accountability*, 62 Okla. L. Rev. 735 (2010). Membership: Oklahoma Bar Association. Recognition: *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," 2020, 2021, 2022.

**JOSHUA D. WELLS.** Education: Oklahoma Baptist University (B.A. 2004); Oklahoma City University College of Law (J.D. 2008) (Dean's List, Faculty Honor Roll, OCU American Trial Lawyers Association Moot Court Team, 2008; Staff Member, Law Review, 2006-07; Executive Editor, Law Review, 2007-08). Admitted to practice: 2008, Oklahoma; Federal Bar Association; American Bar Association; U. S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; 2009, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma; 2011, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma; 2012, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; 2016, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit. Member: Oklahoma Bar Association. Publication: *Stuck in the Mire: The Incomprehensible Labor Law*, 34 Okla. City U.L. Rev. 131 (2009). Experience: Research Assistant to J. William Conger, General Counsel and Distinguished Lecturer of Law, Oklahoma City University and President of the Oklahoma Bar Association (2007-08). General Counsel for Reaching Souls International (2013-2016). Mr. Wells has significant experience in complex and class action litigation in various state and federal courts, with more than a decade of experience protecting consumer and shareholder rights. Mr. Wells knows how to efficiently prosecute complex cases to conclusion and practices in areas of estate planning, probate, and guardianships for both children and adults. He is the recipient of the Federal Bar Association Pro Bono Exceptional Service Award (2019) and is a leader in his church.

#### **PARALEGALS:**

**NANCY G. BEATTY.** Mrs. Beatty has over thirty-five years of legal experience. She primarily works on coordinating and administering of class actions and other complex litigation. Ms. Beatty has served on several professional advisory boards in Oklahoma and Tennessee.

**SHARON J. KING.** Ms. King has worked in the legal community for over twenty years, after having worked in the securities and insurance industry for over fifteen years. She primarily works on insurance and civil litigation.



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**JANE E. ADAMS.** Mrs. Adams has over 25 years of Administrative and Finance experience focusing her career on Human Resources. Additionally, she has first-hand experience with FEMA response as well as government contractual administration.

**TIFFANY R. PEINTNER.** Mrs. Peintner has worked in the legal community for over ten years. Before joining Federman & Sherwood, Mrs. Peintner worked in patent law, oil and gas, probate, banking and real estate, family law, personal injury and insurance defense. She works in securities and civil litigation for the firm.

**FRANDELIND V. TRAYLOR.** Mrs. Traylor has worked in the legal community for over fifteen years. She provides class action, securities and derivative litigation, and product liability support for the firm.

**LACRISTA A. BAGLEY.** Ms. Bagley has been in the legal field for twenty-one years. Before joining Federman & Sherwood, Ms. Bagley worked primarily in bankruptcy law that focused on Chapter 11's and corporate liquidations, as well as estate planning, family law, civil defense, personal injury and medical malpractice.



# **Migliaccio & Rathod LLP – Firm Biography and Resume**



## SUMMARY

The attorneys at Migliaccio & Rathod LLP (“M&R”) have decades of experience in complex civil litigation and have successfully prosecuted a number of noteworthy consumer protection, environmental contamination, civil rights, data breach and privacy, and wage theft cases. **The firm’s attorneys, located in** Washington D.C. and California, focus primarily on class or collective actions and take all of their cases on a contingent basis. The attorneys at the firm have litigated cases leading to recoveries of hundreds of millions of dollars for consumers, workers, and other victims of corporate misconduct. M&R has a track record of investing the time, energy, and resources necessary to develop cases which implicate significant economic, societal, privacy, and health concerns.

## NOTABLE MATTERS AND SUCCESSES

- *Young v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co.*, 693 F.3d 532, 535 (6th Cir. 2012). Represented classes of insureds against several major insurance companies for the failure to use technological advances in verifying the addresses of insureds, leading to overcharges. The Sixth Circuit opinion was foundational for a relaxed standard for ascertainability in that circuit. Litigation culminated in several multi-million dollar settlements.
- *Carlotti v. ASUS Computer International, et al.*, No. 18-cv-00369 (N.D. Cal.). Represented plaintiffs in a class action suit brought on behalf of purchasers of ASUS Rog Strix GL502VS or GL502VSK laptops with defective batteries or which overheat due to their insufficient cooling system. Benefits of the resulting settlement include cash payment of up to \$110 or credit certificate of up to \$210 for any impacted individual. Settlement valued at \$16 million.
- *Brown et al. v. Hyundai Motor America, et ano.*, Case. No. 2:18-cv-11249 (D.N.J.) M&R was appointed co-lead class counsel in an action brought arising from **Hyundai’s** alleged manufacture, design, marketing and sale of vehicles with a piston-slap defect. The case settled on a class-action basis, and class members were provided with an extended warranty, and reimbursement of expenses.
- *In re National Security Agency Telecommunications Records Litigation*, Case No. 3:06-md-01791 (N.D. Cal.). Represented Sprint subscribers in privacy suit against telecom companies to enjoin the alleged disclosure to the National Security Agency of telephone calling records. Appointed, with co-counsel, interim lead counsel for the Sprint subscriber class in the MDL proceedings. The litigation was ultimately dismissed after Congress granted retroactive immunity to the telecom companies.
- *Wheeler et al. v. Lenovo (United States) Inc.*, Case No. 13-0007150 (D.C. Sup. Ct.) and *Kacsuta v. Lenovo (United States), Inc.*, Case No. 13-00316 (C.D. Cal.). Represented plaintiffs in a class action brought on behalf of purchasers of Lenovo laptops that suffered from Wi-Fi connectivity problems. Served among the Court-appointed class counsel in a nationwide



settlement where Lenovo agreed to refund \$100 cash or issue a \$250 voucher (which required no purchase to use) to owners of the laptops.

- *Fath et al. v. Honda North America, Inc.*, Case No. 0:18-cv-01549 (D. Minn.). M&R served on the Plaintiff Steering Committee in this nationwide action arising from Honda's alleged manufacture, design, marketing and sale of vehicles with a fuel dilution defect. The case settled on a class action basis, and class members were provided with an extended warranty, reimbursement of expenses, and a product update where applicable.
- *Washington v. Navy Federal Credit Union*, Case No. 2019 CA 005735 B (D.C. Super. Ct.). Represented a settlement class of individuals whose rights were allegedly violated by Navy Federal Credit Union when they had their vehicles repossessed. The court granted approval of the \$800,000 common fund class action settlement in the Fall of 2020. Each class member received no less than \$748.12.
- *Hill v. County of Montgomery et al.*: Case No.: 9:14-cv-00933 (N.D.N.Y.). M&R served as co-lead counsel in this conditions of confinement civil rights class action for the alleged provision of insufficient sustenance in the Montgomery County Jail in upstate New York. After years of litigation, the case settled on a class action basis for \$1,000,000, providing significant relief to the class of inmates and detainees.
- *Vasquez et al. v. Libre by Nexus, Inc. et al.*: Case No. 4:17- cv-00755 (N.D.Cal.). Represented migrants released from detention who allegedly suffered from unfair and deceptive practices – including having to wear an ankle monitor – by the middleman that arranged for bond to be posted. A nationwide class action settlement has been granted final approval.
- *In re: JUUL Labs, Inc. Products Litigation*, Case No. 3:18-cv-02499 (N.D. Cal.) M&R was appointed as co-lead interim class counsel prior to formation of an MDL in action brought on behalf of a nationwide class arising from marketing and sale of electronic cigarettes by JUUL, the world's largest e-cigarette manufacturer.
- *Valsartan N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL Case No: 1:19-md-02875-RBK-JS (D.N.J.). Represent plaintiffs in multi-district litigation arising from worldwide recalls of generic Valsartan that had been found to be contaminated with probable human carcinogens. M&R was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and serves as co-chair of the medical monitoring committee.
- *Adeli v. Silverstar Automotive, Inc.*, Case No. 5:17-cv-05224 (W.D. Ark.). M&R was co-lead trial counsel in this individual consumer fraud suit for economic losses that resulted in a trial verdict of over \$5.8 million, the vast majority of which was in punitive damages (judgment later reduced to \$533,622, inclusive of a reduced but sizable punitive damages amount, which was affirmed by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals).
- *Bendetowies et al. v. Facebook, Inc.*: Case No. 1:18-cv-06263 (N.D.Cal.). Represented



consumers in a class action against Facebook for its failure to exercise reasonable care in **securing and safeguarding its account holders' Private Information**. Plaintiffs alleged that **Facebook's security failures exposed Plaintiffs' and Class members' Private Information** to a massive security breach affecting approximately 50 million Facebook users. The failures put **Plaintiffs' and Class members' personal and financial information and interests at serious, immediate, and ongoing risk**.

- *Sonya O. Carr v. Transit Employee Federal Credit Union*: Case No. 19-cv-005735 (D.C. Super. Ct.). Represented a settlement class of individuals whose rights were allegedly violated by Transit Employee Federal Credit Union when they had their vehicles repossessed. The court granted approval of a \$215,000 common fund class action settlement. Each class member received no less than \$1,000.
- *Matthews v. TCL Communications et al.*, Case No. 3:17-cv-95 (W.D.N.C.). Represented plaintiffs in a class action brought on behalf of purchasers of Alcatel OneTouch Idol 3 smartphones who alleged that a firmware update removed Band 12 LTE functionality from their phones, greatly reducing their functionality. Served as Court-appointed class counsel in a class action settlement which provided class members with either the reinstatement of Band 12 LTE functionality on their phones, or new phones with LTE Band 12 functionality.
- *Snodgrass v. Bob Evans*, Case No. 2:12-cv-768 (S.D. Ohio). **Represented Bob Evans' Assistant Managers** in a case alleging that Bob Evans, a restaurant chain with hundreds of locations predominantly in the Midwest, had misclassified its Assistant Managers as exempt from federal and state overtime laws. After a landmark ruling on the application of the so-called **"fluctuating workweek" method of payment**, the lawsuit settled for \$16.5 million. The gross recovery per class member was approximately \$6,380. In issuing its order approving the settlement, the court took special note of the **"competence of class counsel in prosecuting this complex litigation."**
- *Corbin v. CFRA, LLC*, Case No. 1:15-cv-00405 (M.D.N.C.). Represented 1,520 servers in collective action against major IHOP franchise for wage theft violations, culminating in \$1.725 million settlement.
- *Craig v. Rite Aid*, Case No. 4:08-CV-2317 (M.D. Pa.). Represented Rite Aid Assistant Managers in a case alleging that Rite Aid had misclassified its Assistant Managers as exempt from federal and state overtime laws. Plaintiffs alleged that their primary duties involved manual labor such as loading and unloading boxes, stocking shelves, cashiering and other duties which are not exempt under federal and state overtime laws. After extensive litigation, the case settled for \$20.9 million, covering over 1,900 current and former assistant store managers. In issuing its order approving the settlement, the court stated that the settlement **"represents an excellent and optimal settlement award for the Class Members" resulting from "diligent, exhaustive, and well-informed negotiations."**



- *Peppler, et al. v. Postmates, Inc.*, Case No. 2015 CA 006560 (D.C. Sup. Ct.) and *Singer, et al. v. Postmates, Inc.*, 4:15-cv-01284-JSW (N.D. Cal.). Represented plaintiffs in a wage theft class action against application-based courier startup company, alleging that the couriers were misclassified as independent contractors. M&R was named class counsel in the settlement agreement providing for \$8.75 million in relief to a nationwide class.
- *Bland v. Calfrac Well Services*, Case No. 2:12-cv-01407 (W.D. Pa.). Represented oil field workers in a nationwide collective and class action lawsuit against Defendant Calfrac Well Services for its alleged failure to properly pay overtime to its field operators. After extensive litigation, the case settled for \$6 million, which provided a gross recovery per class member of between \$250 and approximately \$11,500.
- *Nelson v. Sabre Companies LLC*, Case No. 1:15-cv-0314 (N.D.N.Y.). M&R was lead counsel in this nationwide collective action that settled for \$2.1 million on behalf of oil and gas workers for unpaid overtime.
- *Beture v. Samsung Electronics America*, Case No. 17-cv-05757 (D.N.J.). M&R was appointed as co-lead interim class counsel in action brought on behalf of a nationwide class arising from a hardware defect affecting hundreds of thousands of Samsung Galaxy Note 4 smartphones.
- *McFadden et al. v. Microsoft Corporation*, Case No. 2:20-cv-00640 (W.D. Wash.) M&R was appointed as co-lead interim class counsel in an action brought on behalf of a nationwide class arising from a hardware defect affecting Microsoft X-Box video game controllers.
- *Restaino et al. v. Mario Badescu, Inc.*, Case No. MID-L-5830-14 (N.J. Super. Ct.). Represented 36 individuals who had become physically addicted to undisclosed corticosteroids in a purportedly botanical face cream, and sought damages for personal injuries arising from the symptoms of topical steroid withdrawal. After three years of litigation, the case settled for significant relief to the plaintiffs.
- *Walsh et al. v. Globalstar, Inc.*, Case No. 3:07-cv-01941 (N.D. Cal.), represented Globalstar satellite telephone service customers who brought claims that Globalstar knew that it was experiencing failures in its satellite constellation and its satellite service was rapidly deteriorating and was no longer useful for its intended purpose, yet failed to disclose this information to its potential and existing customers. Served as Court-appointed class counsel in a nationwide settlement that provided an assortment of benefit options, including, but not limited to, monetary account credits, free minutes, or cash back for returned equipment.
- *Delandro v. County of Allegheny*, Case No. 06-927 (W.D. Pa.). Represented pre-trial detainees who were subjected to unlawful strip searches prior to their admission at Allegheny County Jail, located in Pittsburgh, PA. After winning class certification, partial summary judgment on liability, and an injunction, the case settled for \$3 million.



- *Nnadili v. Chevron*, Case No. 02-1620 (D.D.C.). Represented owners and residents of properties in the District of Columbia that were contaminated with gasoline constituents from leaking underground storage tanks that were installed by Chevron. The plaintiffs, who resided in over 200 properties in the Riggs Park neighborhood of Northeast Washington, D.C., alleged **that Chevron's contamination** interfered with the use and enjoyment of their property, impacted their property values, constituted a trespass on their land, and caused fear and emotional distress. The United States Environmental Protection Agency conducted an extensive investigation into the contamination. After approximately five years of litigation, the case settled for \$6.2 million.
- *Ousmane v. City of New York*, Case No. 402648/04 (NY Sup. Ct.). Represented New York City street vendors in a pro bono class action suit against the City of New York for excessive fines and helped secure a settlement with a value of over \$1 million.
- *Stillman v. Staples*, Case No. 07-849 (D.N.J.). Represented Staples Assistant Managers in Fair Labor Standards Act Claims for unpaid overtime. Served as a member of the trial team where the plaintiffs won a nearly \$2.5 million verdict against Staples for unpaid overtime on behalf of 342 sales managers after a six-week jury trial. After the verdict, nearly a dozen wage and hour cases against Staples from across the country were consolidated in a multi-district litigation. Served in a central role in the consolidated litigation, which lasted nearly two years after the *Stillman* verdict. The consolidated litigation ultimately settled for \$42 million.



**ATTORNEYS**

***Nicholas A. Migliaccio***

Nicholas Migliaccio **has been practicing for over 16 years and litigates across the firm's** practice areas. He has successfully prosecuted numerous noteworthy class and mass action cases over the course of his career, and has been appointed class counsel in both litigation and settlement classes. He has been recognized by his peers as a Superlawyer in 2016 - 2021.

Mr. Migliaccio graduated from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1997 (B.A., *cum laude* in Environmental Studies and Philosophy) and received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2001, where he was an Editor of the Georgetown International Environmental Law Review.

**Notable Cases Include:**

- Represented assistant managers in a Fair Labor Standards Act misclassification case and served as a member of the trial team for a six-week jury trial that resulted in a **\$2.5 plaintiffs' verdict**. After the verdict, nearly a dozen wage and hour cases against the defendant from across the country were consolidated in a multi-district litigation. Served in a central role in the consolidated litigation, which ultimately settled for \$42 million.
- Represented worker class in wage theft assistant manager misclassification case against national restaurant chain that culminated in a \$16.5 million settlement
- Represented worker class in wage theft rate miscalculation case against multinational fracking company, resulting in \$6 million settlement
- Represented plaintiffs in a consumer class in defective laptop case against multinational computer manufacturer, resulting in a nationwide settlement where defendant agreed to refund \$100 cash or issue a \$250 voucher (which required no purchase to use) to owners of the laptops.
- Represented pre-trial detainees who were subjected to unlawful strip searches prior to their admission at Allegheny County Jail, located in Pittsburgh, PA. After winning class certification, partial summary judgment on liability, and an injunction, the case settled for \$3 million.
- Represented owners and residents of properties in the District of Columbia that were contaminated with gasoline constituents from leaking underground storage tanks that were installed by a major oil company. The plaintiffs alleged that the contamination interfered with the use and enjoyment of their property, impacted their property values, constituted a trespass on their land, and caused fear and emotional distress. After extensive litigation, the case settled for \$6.2 million.
- Represented New York City street vendors in a pro bono class action suit against the City of New York for excessive fines and helped secure a settlement with a value of over \$1 million.
- Appointed to leadership in recent major data breach cases involving hospitals and health records, including in *In re Netgain Technology, LLC, Consumer Data Breach Litigation*,





No. 0:21-cv-01210 (D. Minn.) and in *In re Eskenazi Health Data Incident Litigation*, No. 49D01-2111-PL-038870 (Ind. Sup. Ct.)

**Admissions:**

- New York
- Washington, D.C.
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Western District of New York
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

**Education:**

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2001
- State University of New York at Binghamton, BA, 1997

**Publications and Speaking Engagements:**

- Co-authored “**Environmental Contamination Treatise: Overview of the Litigation Process,**” in R. Simons, Ph.D, *When Bad Things Happen to Good Property* (Environmental Law Institute, 2005).
- Presentation on *The Motor Carrier Act Exception to the FLSA’s Overtime Provisions - 13(b)(1) and the SAFETEA-LU Amendments*, **Worker’s Injury Litigation Group** / Ohio Association of Justice Meeting, Winter 2014.
- Presentation on *Litigating Fair Labor Standards Act Collective Action Cases*, **Worker’s Injury Litigation Group** / Ohio Association of Justice Convention, Fall 2011.

**Awards:**

- SuperLawyers, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021



### ***Jason S. Rathod***

Jason S. Rathod is a founding partner of Migliaccio & Rathod LLP and regarded as one of the most accomplished plaintiff-side class action lawyers under the age of 40, particularly in the areas of consumer protection and defective products. Mr. Rathod has been appointed to leadership teams in some of the most high-profile cases in the country, including in *In re Chevrolet Bolt EV Battery Litigation* in which owners and lessees of Chevy Bolt vehicles allege that a ubiquitous defect in lithium-batteries used in the electric vehicles risk catching fire. In *In Re: Philips Recalled CPAP, Bi-Level Pap, and Mechanical Ventilator Products Litigation*, he is among a small group of lawyers appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and serves as the co-chair of the Science and Experts Committee. Mr. Rathod has been quoted in the national press, including in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Washington Post*. In addition to his consumer protection work, Mr. Rathod also prosecutes data privacy, wage theft, civil rights, and environmental protection cases.

Mr. Rathod has been recognized as a leader in his field beyond the courtroom. He is the author of several published works, including a law review article on aggregate litigation in poor countries. Another recent law review article that he co-authored, comparing public and private enforcement in the United State and Europe, was cited by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in its proposed rule prohibiting class action waivers in the fine print of consumer contracts.

Mr. Rathod graduated from Grinnell College in 2006 (B.A. with honors in Political Science and Religious Studies). After college, he traveled to Fiji, Mauritius, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana, and Suriname on a Watson Fellowship, studying the Indian Diaspora. He graduated law school from the Duke University School of Law in 2010, where he was an Articles Editor of the Duke Law Journal. In law school, he also worked for the **Self-Employed Women's Association** in Ahmedabad, India on behalf of street vendors seeking an injunction against the city government for unlawful harassment and evictions.

### **Notable Cases Include:**

- Representing consumer classes in insurance overcharge cases, including by drafting appellate briefs about the propriety of class certification. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed order for the classes 3-0, leading to several multi-million-dollar settlements;
- Representing consumer in consumer fraud trial for economic losses that resulted in verdict for the Plaintiff on all counts and a multimillion dollar punitive damages award



(later reduced on remittitur, but still totaling in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and representing a 25:1 ratio of punitive to economic damages);

- Representing consumer class of laptop purchasers against multinational corporation in nationwide class action settlement valued at over \$16 million;
- Representing consumer class of vehicle purchasers and lessees in nationwide class action settlement, following allegations of engine defect;
- Representing consumer class of vehicle purchasers and lessees in nationwide class action settlement, alleging oil dilution defect;
- Representing consumer classes in two cases in D.C. Superior Court arising from the alleged unlawful repossession of vehicles, resulting in classwide settlements with significant pro rata payments and injunctive relief, including debt relief;
- Representing consumer class at trial in product defect class action;
- Representing worker class in wage theft assistant manager misclassification case against national restaurant chain that culminated in a \$16.5 million settlement;
- Representing worker class and collective against multinational startup company for independent contractor misclassification claims, resulting in \$8.75 million settlement;
- Representing worker class in wage theft rate miscalculation case against multinational fracking company, resulting in \$6 million settlement;
- Representing over 1,500 servers in multistate collective action, resulting in \$1.72 million settlement;
- Representing consumer class in defective laptop case against multinational computer manufacturer; and
- Representing consumer class in defective construction case against multinational home builder, drafting key briefs leading to class certification and maintenance of suit in court, rather than arbitration.
- Appointed to leadership in recent major data breach cases involving hospitals and health records, including in *In re Netgain Technology, LLC, Consumer Data Breach Litigation*, No. 0:21-cv-01210 (D. Minn.) and in *In re Eskenazi Health Data Incident Litigation*, No. 49D01-2111-PL-038870 (Ind. Sup. Ct.)

#### **Education:**

- Duke University School of Law, J.D. 2010
- Grinnell College, B.A., 2006

#### **Admissions:**

- Illinois
- Washington, D.C.
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit



- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Nebraska
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

#### **Publications and Speaking Engagements:**

- *Arbitration Tactics and Strategy* (July 2020) (CLE presentation), American Association for Justice (“AAJ”)
- *Fighting for Food Policy Progress Across Legal Arenas* (panelist), Food Systems Virtual Summit with CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute (April 2020)
- *Human Capital and Fragmentation* (Nov. 15, 2019) (panelist), ClassCrits Conference
- *Plaintiffs, Procedure & Power* (Nov. 3, 2018) (panelist), ClassCrits Conference
- *DNA Barcoding analysis of seafood accuracy in Washington, D.C. restaurants*, PeerJ (April 25, 2017) (co-authored)
- *The Arc and Architecture of Private Enforcement Regimes in the United States and Europe: A View Across the Atlantic*, 14 U.N.H. L. Rev. 303 (2016) (co-authored)
- *Trying the Class Action: Practical Tips from the Pros* (AAJ) (June 4, 2015) (panelist)
- *Emerging Markets, Vanishing Accountability: How Populations in Poor Countries Can Use Aggregate Litigation to Vindicate Their Rights*, 24 Transnat’l L. & Contemp. Probs. 69 (2014)
- *Note: Not Peace, But a Sword: Navy v. Egan and the Case Against Judicial Abdication in Foreign Affairs*, 59 Duke L.J. 595 (2009)

#### **Awards**

- SuperLawyers Rising Stars, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022



***Mark Patronella***

Mark Patronella is an **Associate at the firm and litigates class actions across the firm's** practice areas. He takes particular pride in helping consumers obtain fair compensation for predatory behavior on the part of large corporations.

Mr. Patronella has been recognized for his considerable commitment to pro bono practice. He dedicated well over one thousand hours to representing asylum-seekers, tenants facing eviction, and environmental initiatives.

Mr. Patronella graduated magna cum laude from Drew University in 2015 (B.A. with honors in Economics). He graduated law school from Duke University School of Law in 2018, where he was a Staff Editor of the Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum and served as a teaching assistant for an environmental law course. Throughout law school, he provided legal services for a number of local and national environmental organizations.

**Education:**

- Duke University School of Law, J.D., 2018
- Drew University, B.A., 2015

**Admissions:**

- New Jersey
- Washington D.C.
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas



### ***Tyler Bean***

Tyler Bean specializes in data breach and privacy, defective product, and other types of consumer class action litigation across **the Firm's areas of practice. Mr. Bean is experienced in** all aspects of complex litigation and assists the Firm in litigating numerous class actions from inception through discovery and court approved settlement.

Mr. Bean graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he served as Editor for the Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Journal and was named to the **Dean's List. While in law school, Mr. Bean also completed the University of Oklahoma's pro** bono and public service work pledge, volunteering much of his time as a law student to serving in his community.

Before joining Migliaccio & Rathod, Mr. Bean worked as in-house counsel for a national privately held company. Following his time in-house, he joined a boutique commercial litigation firm in Oklahoma City where he played a significant role in the prosecution and settlement of numerous data breach and privacy and other consumer protection matters, representing consumer and employee classes against large companies in state and federal courts across the country.

Tyler is currently a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

### **Education:**

- University of Oklahoma College of Law, J.D. 2019
- University of Oklahoma Michael F. Price College of Business, B.A., 2015

### **Admissions:**

- Oklahoma
- Washington, D.C. (pending)
- United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma



***Kevin Leddy***

**Kevin Leddy assists with class action litigation across the firm's areas of practice**, with a focus on data breach and privacy litigation and assisting consumers obtain fair compensation for predatory behavior on the part of large corporations.

Mr. Leddy graduated with honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A. in Political Science). He then received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2021, where he was an Executive Authorities Editor for the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law. Throughout law school, he provided legal services to a number of *pro bono* projects, including the Vanderbilt Medical-Legal Partnership and the RISE Reentry Program in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

**Education:**

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D. 2021
- University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A., Political Science

**Admissions:**

- California
- Washington, D.C. (pending)





***Ebele Ebonwu***

Ebele Ebonwu graduated *magna cum laude* from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2006 (B.A. in Criminal Justice). She also holds a Masters Degree in Management Information Systems from Bowie State University (2010). She graduated law school *cum laude* from the University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law in 2021, where she served as a student attorney in the Consumer Bankruptcy Clinic providing legal services to Marylanders through the MVLS program. Ebele was selected as a Covid-19 Taskforce Legal Fellow within the Office of the Attorney General and Maryland Access to Justice Commission in the Summer of 2020.

**Education:**

- University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law, J.D. 2021
- Bowie State University, Masters, Management Information Systems, 2010
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte, B.A., Criminal Justice, 2006

**Admissions:**

- Maryland



***Eugenie Montague***

Eugenie Montague is Of Counsel to the firm and litigates cases across the firm's areas of practice including in consumer protection, data breach, and wage theft class actions.

**Education:**

- Duke University School of Law, J.D. 2009
- UC Irvine, Master of Fine Arts, Fiction, 2010
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